

CITY OF WARREN

**Parks and Recreation Plan
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The goal of community recreation is to improve the quality of life by providing opportunities to enhance physical, social, and cultural well-being. A quality parks and recreation system helps to attract businesses and tourism, bringing visitors to spend money and time in the community. It contributes to productive work forces and enhances real estate values. Through recreation programs, citizens improve their health, learn to compete/cooperate, enhance creativity, reduce stress and become more involved in community life.

Recreation and parks also encourage preservation and conservation of the environment. They preserve plant and wildlife habitats; provide accessible places to enjoy nature; protect natural resources and open space areas; help to control pollution; and enhance air, water, and soil quality. Trail and greenway systems link parks, schools, and other community services together for safe biking and walking.

An important role for local government is to serve as the “central clearinghouse” for parks and recreation activities. This role can enhance communication among organizations and identify opportunities to work together and share resources. By coordinating all that is offered, local governments can improve services, give residents a clear understanding of available opportunities, and minimize duplication of services.

This plan contains existing conditions information in Part 1 as well as priority recommendations for park facilities and trail connections in Parts 2 and 3. There are additional recommendations for the City to consider as time and money allow in Part 4 and an implementation strategy in Part 5. The appendices contain supporting information as well as additional park facility recommendations and funding sources.

BACKGROUND

The City of Warren currently does not have a Park and Recreation Plan and the last Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2000. Therefore, the City felt it was important to take advantage of this opportunity to engage the public and determine what the priorities should be for providing quality recreation over the next 5-10 years. In addition to the information gathered during the process, the 2020-2024 PA Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is an excellent source of information and guidance.

- Main Plan: www.dcnr.pa.gov/Recreation/PAOutdoorRecPlan/Pages/default.aspx
- Story Map: <https://maps.dcnr.pa.gov/parecplan/index.html>
- Outdoor Recreation Plan: <http://elibrary.dcnr.pa.gov/GetDocument?docId=3223603&DocName=PASCO RP2020-2024Final>
- Appendices: www.dcnr.pa.gov/Recreation/PAOutdoorRecPlan/Pages/default.aspx

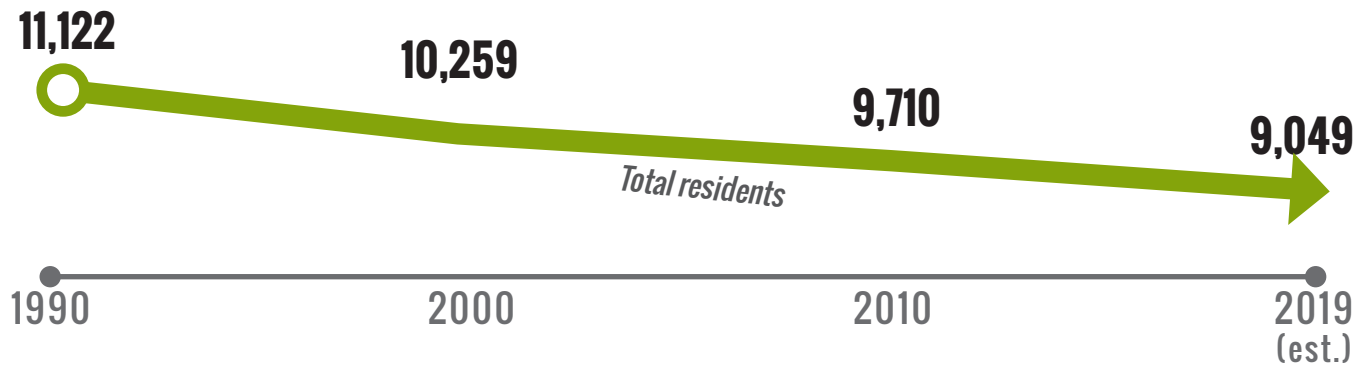
The City of Warren operates under the Third-Class City Code and has an approximate population of 9,700. The City has seven active parks with an additional 12-13 passive parks (some of which are right of way only) and enjoys excellent relationships with the County, Warren County Chamber of Business & Industry, PA Visitors Bureau, Foundations, and Warren County School District. A listing of policies and procedures regarding the management of Parks and Recreation can be found in the Appendices.

INTRODUCTION

WHO LIVES HERE?

The City of Warren’s population peaked between 1930 and 1960 (14,891) but has lost close to 10% of its population every decade until 2000. The population losses have slowed however, 5% between 2000-2010 and 4% since 2010.

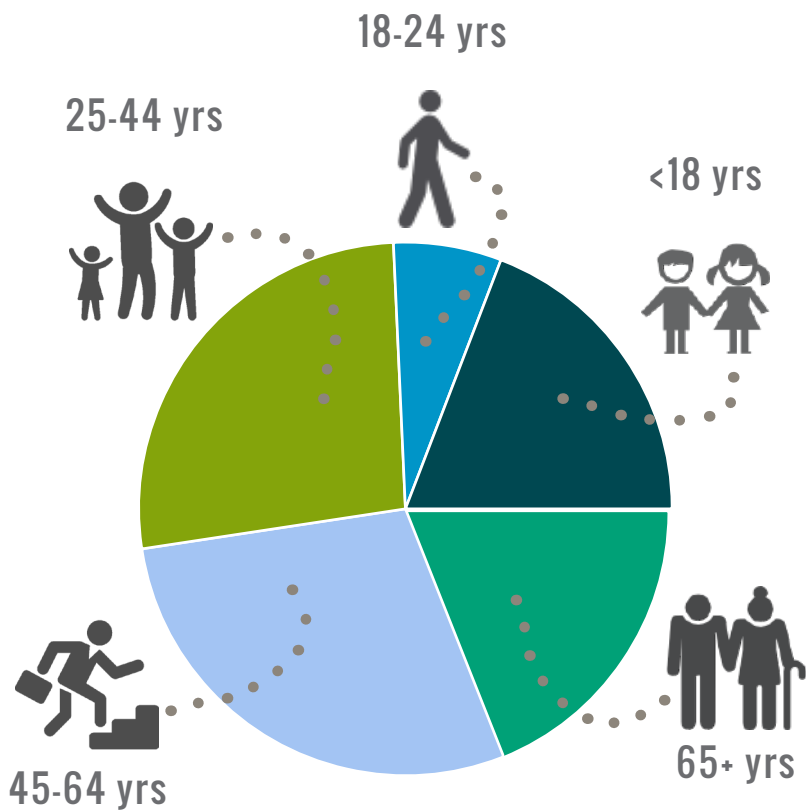
Warren is not a diverse community, with over 97% of its residents classified as white. Hispanic/Latino is the largest minority group at just 1.8%.



43.8 Median Age

The median age in the City is 43.8; lower than that of Warren County (47) but higher than that of Pennsylvania (40).

The largest age group is comprised of persons ages 45-64 (29%), followed by persons ages 25-44 (27%). After that it is persons 65 years and over (19%) and under 18 (19%). . The smallest age group is 18-24 (7%), which reflects the percentage of young adults going away to college.



SCHOOL ENROLLMENT



719 students enrolled in grades 8-12 at Warren Area High School

23% students enrolled in special education

0.7% enrolled in gifted program

48% students economically disadvantaged



HOUSEHOLDS

City of Warren Household Facts:

2.09 persons per household

65% of all households are families

13% of all households have a female head of household, compared to 18% in PA

87.5% lived in same house one year ago

\$41,816 median household Income

13.8% persons living in poverty

93.8% high school graduate or higher

24.5% bachelor’s degree or higher

16 minutes median travel time to work

75.4%

Households have a Broadband Internet Subscription



84.6% have a computer



14.6%

Live with a Disability (under 65 years of age)

MISSION

The mission of the City of Warren is to sustain the existing parks and trails through the rehabilitation, development, and maintenance of areas and facilities, enhance waterfront areas, develop beneficial partnerships, and improve the quality of life of all resident and tourists through safe and accessible recreation.

PROCESS

The comprehensive planning process for the City of Warren Parks and Recreation Plan consisted of two phases.

Phase 1 consisted of conducting an inventory of the current parks and recreation system in the City. Background information was collected and reviewed, and field views were conducted of all the public and nonprofit parks and recreation facilities. Public outreach was conducted as noted below.



Phase 2 consisted of developing recommendations based on the information gathered during phase 1 to enhance the overall parks and recreation network within the City of Warren. The recommendations were developed and prioritized with step-by-step instructions for implementation.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The public outreach process for the plan was challenging at times due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The City included numerous ways for the public and various stakeholders to be involved in the planning process. These methods included: An Advisory Committee, Stakeholder Interviews, a Public Survey sent to every household and a Public Open House. A copy of public input results is included in the Appendices.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE/PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Advisory Committee, appointed by the City held multiple meetings throughout this process to provide guidance and input into the planning process. The committee held two in-person meetings and two virtual meeting, including one virtual meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

Stakeholders are people, organizations or businesses with a particular interest or expertise in parks and recreation within the City of Warren. Specific stakeholders were identified by City staff and the Advisory Committee and subsequently contacted to gather feedback into the plan. A listing of all the stakeholders interviewed is below and the results of the input can be found in the Appendices.

STAKEHOLDERS INTERVIEWED:

- | | | |
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| • Allegheny Community Center | • PA Game Commission | • Warren County Youth Baseball Softball Association |
| • Allegheny National Forest | • Penn Soil RC&D | • Warren County Youth Football League |
| • Allegheny Outdoor Club | • Rotary Club of Warren | • Warren County Fairgrounds |
| • Allegheny Outfitters | • Salvation Army | • Warren Cycle Shop |
| • Boy Scouts of America | • Snowmobile Club | • Warren General Hospital / Cancer Center |
| • Brokenstraw Valley Foundation | • Warren Area Student Union | • Warren Public Library |
| • Conewango Creek Watershed Association | • Warren County 4-H | • Warren YMCA |
| • General Joseph Warren Chapter | • Warren County Chamber of Business & Industry | |
| • Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania | • Warren County Conservation District | |
| • Jefferson DeFrees Family Center | • Warren County Master Gardener Program | |
| • Leadership Warren | • Warren County Special Olympics | |
| • Northern Allegheny Mountain Bike Association | • Warren County Soccer | |
| | • Warren County Visitors Bureau | |

PUBLIC SURVEY SUMMARY

The City included a one-page parks and recreation survey in their annual recycling packets in November 2019, which was sent to all City residents. This survey was designed to gather input on priorities for parks and recreation. Residents were able to complete the paper survey or online. A total of 171 completed surveys were received. A summary of the responses is below.

Demographics of Survey Respondents

- Approximately 38% of respondents live in the east, 27% in the north, 14% in the southwest and 22% live in other areas such as the west, southside, downtown, Tionesta and Pleasant Township.
- 25% had household members aged 66 or over; 25% between 51 and 65 years; 18% between 36 and 50 years; 15% between 19 and 35 years; 8% between 11 and 18 years; and 8% had children 10 years or younger.

Park and recreation service

- 72% of respondents felt the City was well served or extremely well served by parks and recreation.

Parks and Facilities

- Betts Park was the most visited according to survey respondents, followed by Crescent and Beaty Parks.
- The least visited parks include Clemons, Mulberry, Morck and Wetmore Parks.
- The majority of respondents (63%) support maintaining Breeze Point Landing as a riverfront park.

Biking and walking

- 91% of respondents can safely walk or bike from home to a park.
- The majority of respondents learn about events or programs in the City through the newspaper (34%) or from friends/family (30%).

Priorities

- 21%: pedestrian and bicycle access; 18% more public access to rivers/creeks; 16% improving neighborhood parks.
- Additionally, respondents were most interested in trails, picnic areas, canoe/kayak launch, amphitheater, concerts, environmental education/nature programming, outdoor sport courts, and outdoor sport fields.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the public outreach for this process had to occur differently than in the past. In order to give the general public, and any other interested parties, an opportunity to review and discuss the plan, the following options were made available:

- The City of Warren Park and Recreation Commission held a zoom meeting on April 13, 2021, which was open to the public.
- The draft plan was made available on the City’s web page and Facebook page.
- City Council held a public meeting with Warren County on May 26, 2021.



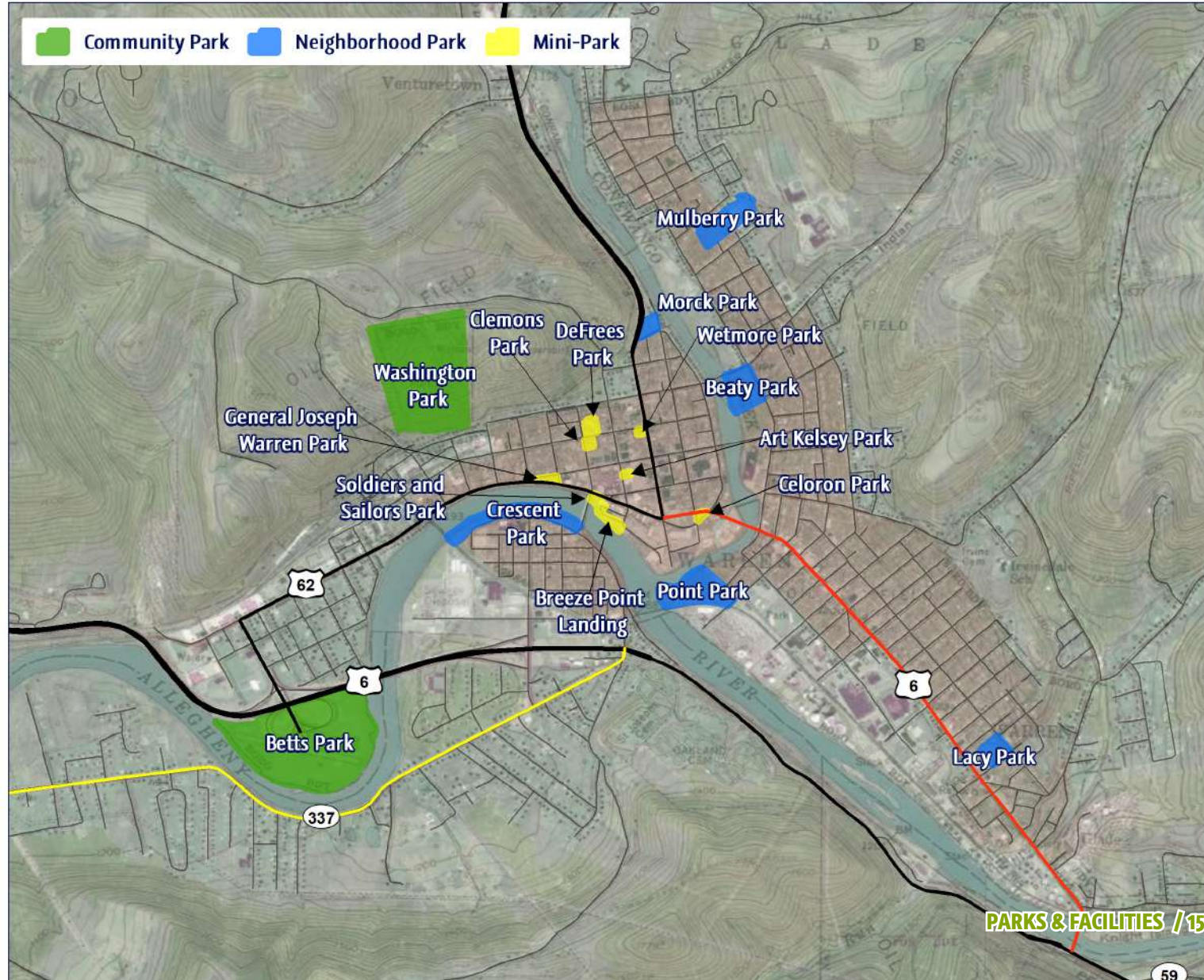
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OVERVIEW

Public parks, and the passive and active recreation opportunities that they provide, are important to the City of Warren’s quality of life. Parks provide areas for outdoor recreation, a contrast to the urban environment, and access to natural resources. Parks also provide places for people to meet and central locations for socializing and community gatherings. In addition, recreation facilities can help to provide educational opportunities.

The City serves as the recreation hub in Warren County, and therefore the parks within the city are important to residents countywide. Successful city parks have the ability to rejuvenate local economies, boosting tourism and property value as well as generally promoting public health. Because of the many positive benefits of public parks, this plan will serve as a guide to improve city parks and recreation facilities within the City of Warren. Priority recommendations for specific parks are on the following pages. Additional recommendations for each park can be found in the Appendices.

There are 3 types of parks within the City: Community Parks, Neighborhood Parks, and Mini-Parks.



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PARKS & FACILITIES

COMMUNITY PARKS

Community parks often offer intense recreation facilities such as athletic complexes, courts games, picnic pavilions, and swimming pools but may also be more passive in nature. These parks should easily accessible and should offer facilities or natural features that will draw visitors from a larger area.

Community parks generally have a service area of 1 to 2 miles and are 25 acres in size or larger. NRPA recommends 5 to 8 acres of these parks per 1,000 residents.

The City of Warren has 2 community parks:


-  Betts Park (50 acres) - Active Park
-  Washington Park (59 acres) - Passive Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

A neighborhood park has areas for intense recreation activities, such as field games, court games, crafts, play equipment and picnicking. These parks are suitable for intense development, easily accessible and geographically centered with safe access.

They typically have a service area of ¼ to ½ mile and should be 1 to 15 acres in size. NRPA recommends 1 to 2 acres of these parks per 1,000 residents.

The City of Warren offers six neighborhood parks:

-  Beaty Park (6 acres)
-  Morck Park (1.8 acres)
-  Crescent Park (8 acres)
-  Mulberry Park (9.7 acres)
-  Lacy Park (3 acres)
-  Point Park (13 acres)

MINI-PARKS

A Mini-Park (Tot-Lot or Passive Area) is generally 2,500 square feet to one acre in size. It is geared for a small neighborhood within walking distance to residential areas and has a service radius of less than ¼ mile.

The City of Warren offers many mini-parks, including:

-  Art Kelsey Park (<0.1 acre)
-  DeFrees Park (0.9 acre)
-  Breeze Point Landing (0.9 acre)
-  General Joseph Warren Park (0.2 acre)
-  Celoron Park (0.2 acre)
-  Soldiers and Sailors Park (0.3 acre)
-  Clemons Park (0.38 acre)
-  Wetmore Park (0.1 acre)

NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATIONS

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) National Standards compare the different types of parks of a community to determine whether it meets the needs of residents. The NRPA National Standards are being replaced by newer NRPA Park Metrics Standards. The newer method simply considers total park acreage and number of parks. Below is a comparison using the National Standards vs the Park Metrics Standards. You can see in both standards, the City of Warren has sufficient park land and number of parks for the population of the City.

Old Park Metrics Standards method:

Type of Park	Acres/1000 population	Existing Acres	Need	Surplus / Deficiency	
Mini Park	<1A	3	9	-6	
Neighborhood Park	1A to 2A	42	9.1A to 18.2A	32.4A to 23.3A	
Park Land	Existing Acres / Parks	NRPA Lower Quartile	NRPA Medium Quartile	Acres or Parks Needed	Surplus / Deficiency(-)
Park acres / 1000 residents	160	5	12	47.32 to 109.2	112.26 to 50.38
Number of parks / residents	16	908	1,300	10.05 to 7.02	5.95 to 8.98

PARK FACILITY PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS

BETTS PARK

At 50 acres, Clifford R. Betts Memorial Park is one of the City’s largest parks. More commonly known as Betts Park, this property is located just off Route 6 on Ludlow Street and is the site of several annual and biennial events including the Industrial League Softball Tournament, Warren County Humane Society Softball Tournament, the Fourth of July Celebration, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Pennsylvania Canoe and Kayak Championships, the USCA Canoe and Kayak Championships, the Gus Macker Basketball Tournament, St. Joseph Parish Annual Picnic, and the Alzheimer’s Association Annual Walk to End Alzheimer’s. The park is also home to the Warren Area High School Tennis Team, several adult softball leagues, and the Warren County Youth Football League practices.

Recommendations for Betts Park include:

- Task 1.

Improve pedestrian and bicycle connections between the park entrance and downtown.

a.

Complete/repair sidewalk.

b.

Create bike lane – paint/sign.
- Task 2.

Construct an all-weather building. The facility could be rented out and used weekly for Farmer’s Market in off-season (as referenced in Experience Warren – Our Downtown Strategic Plan). A Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant application has been submitted for this project, but additional funding is needed.
- Task 3.

Construct ADA accessible fishing pier along trail close to gazebo.
- Task 4.

Continue to upgrade facilities.

a.

Update restrooms to ADA.

b.

Repaint lines on basketball court & parking lot.

c.

Replace fencing at three softball fields.

d.

Improve or upgrade fields.

e.

Replace both Game Time play systems (ages 2-5).
- Task 5.

Analyze park for the construction of an ice rink if funds are available. If this park is not suitable, review other city parks for suitability for this use.

Betts Park			
Park Type	Area of City	Acres	Key Facilities
Community	Southwest	50	Baseball and Softball Fields (4), Basketball Court, Bocce Court, Tennis Court, Walking Trail, Open Grass Area (4), Pavilion (4), Playground (4), Gazebo (2), Restrooms



PARK FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

WASHINGTON PARK

Washington Park is a 59-acre park in the northern area of the City, west of Conewango Creek. This expansive location includes parking, a grass picnic area with concrete tables and grills, and an overlook and steep hillside which provides visitors with beautiful views of the City and Allegheny River.

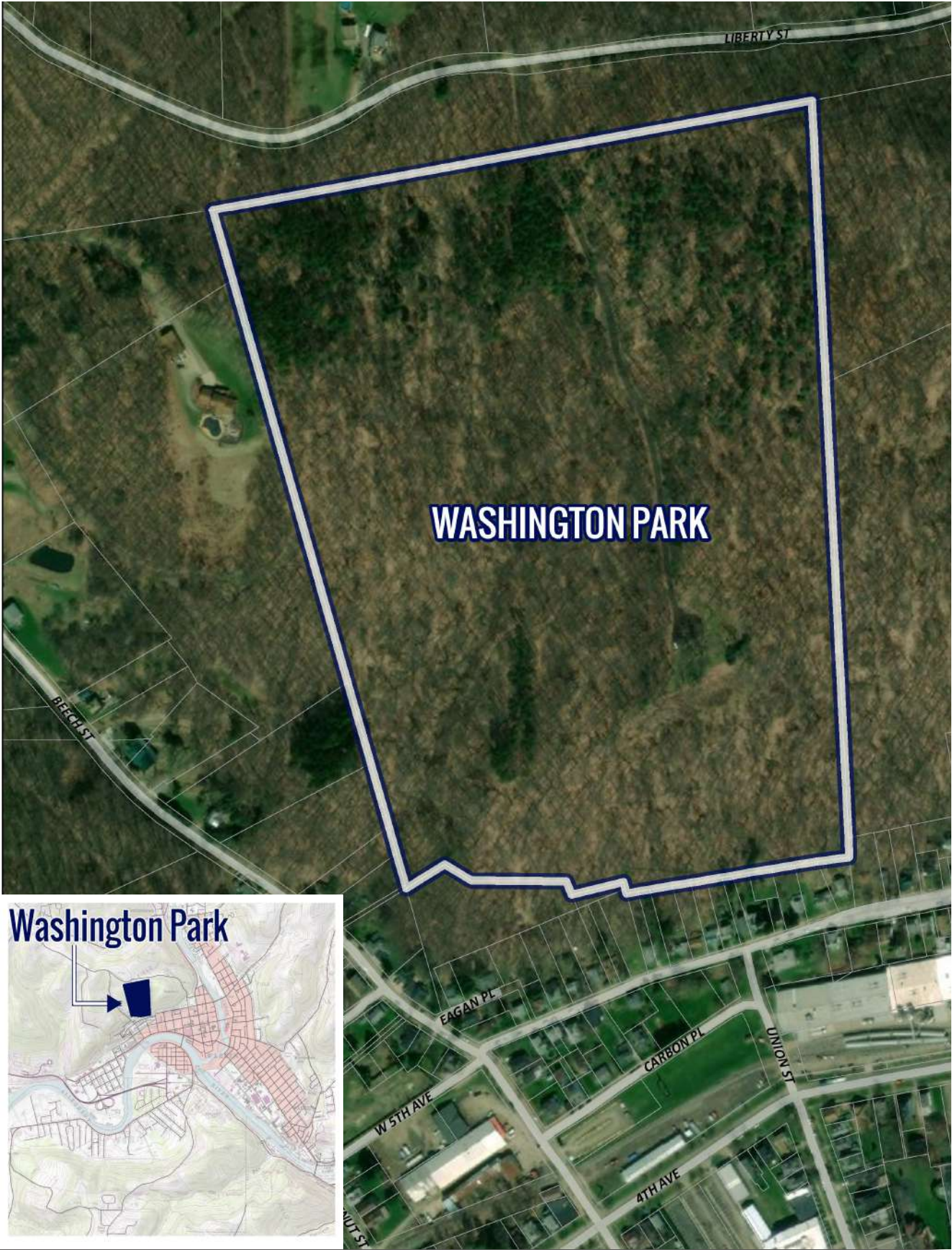
The park could provide City and surrounding residents with local recreation and leisure activities as well as educational programming, but the park is currently underutilized.

The City applied to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR) for an early implementation grant to develop a conceptual site plan for the park. The grant was approved in December 2020.

Facilities and programs considered for the park include:

- **Wayfinding signs:** Add wayfinding signs to overlook area directing users to various trails and other recreation amenities in the area.
- **Trail system:** 3 to 6-miles that would appeal to walking, hiking, running, and mountain biking.
- **Mountain bike skills track:** trails that would appeal to mountain bikers.
- **Overlook and Picnic Space:** Improved overlook to the Allegheny River valley and possible restroom and seasonal vendor concession with picnic tables and shelter. **Walking trails:** Located at the perimeter of the picnic space - for ADA compliant routes to facilities including the overlook.
- **Open space for multiuse gatherings and special events:** Non-organized sports, nature play areas and outdoor education space.
- **Adjacent Parking:** With improved driveway access from Liberty Street Extension.
- **Recreation easements:** These may be explored to directly link the park property to the city via West 5th Avenue and Beech Street Extensions.

Washington Park			
Park Type	Area of City	Acres	Key Facilities
Community	Northwest	59	Picnic Area, Overlook



PARK FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

BEATY PARK

Beaty Park is a 6-acre park located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Conewango Avenue that includes a walking trail, playground and free-standing equipment, pavilion, volleyball grass court, T-ball grass field, skate park, basketball court, tennis courts (3 courts with one overlaid with 2 pickleball courts), open grass area, natural trail, restrooms and paved parking lot. This park is adjacent to the Beaty Warren Middle School which includes a natural trail and a regulation size football field with bleachers, storage shed, equipment trailer and a crushed limestone trail around the field. Combined, Beaty Park and Beaty Warren Middle School include over 13 acres of recreation space.

According to the public survey, Beaty Park is the one of the most visited parks in the City of Warren and serves the northern area.

Recommendations for Beaty Park include:

- Task 1.** Expand the skate park.
- Task 2.** Add BMX facilities.
- Task 3.** Extend trail network – ADA, walk/bike trails.
- Task 4.** Build new pavilion adjacent to playground equipment.
- Task 5.** Improve the Walking Trail
 - a.** Replace surface with asphalt or concrete to eliminate issues with trail washing away during heavy rains.
 - b.** Extend trail and ensure it meets ADA specifications.
 - c.** Add lights along the trail.

Beaty Park			
Park Type	Area of City	Acres	Key Facilities
Neighborhood	Northeast	6	Basketball Court, Skate Park, T-ball field, Tennis Courts, Volleyball, Nature & Walking Trail (2), Open Grass Area, Pavilion, Playground (2), Restrooms



PARK FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

CRESCENT PARK

This 8-acre park, located along the Allegheny River, was dedicated in memory of soldiers and sailors that lost their lives in service to the United States. The park contains a trail, helipad, pavilion, restrooms, playgrounds, basketball court, and a ballfield.

Recommendations for Crescent Park include:

- Task 1.** Rebuild the basketball courts - replace the cracked surface and add lights.
- Task 2.** Replace playground equipment.
- Task 3.** Construct a new pavilion.
- Task 4.** Complete upgrades as part of the existing DCNR grant. Upgrades are to include:
 - a.** Add off-street parking.
 - b.** ADA restroom improvements.
 - c.** Upgrade existing walking trail, add lighting, and extend it to end in a “healing garden”.
 - d.** Provide new electrical service to the pavilion.
- Task 5.** Continue the arboretum with as many tree species as possible.

Crescent Park			
Park Type	Area of City	Acres	Key Facilities
Neighborhood	Downtown	8	Basketball Court, Field area, Helipad, Trail, Pavilion, Playground (2), Restrooms



PARK FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

LACY PARK

Lacy Park is a 3-acre park serving the southeastern section of the City of Warren. It is located 1 block east of Pennsylvania Avenue off North Marion Street.

The park contains a large open grass area with a parking lot and trees/fencing along the perimeter. There are also a 12' x 27' pavilion with tables and a grill; a multi-sensory playground; a basketball area, which was rehabbed in 2020; a ballfield; a T-ball field; and ADA accessible restrooms.

Recommendations for Lacy Park include:

- Task 1.** Replace the wood chip surface on the ADA playground with poured rubber to better serve persons with disabilities.
- Task 2.** Expand the existing playground.
- Task 3.** Construct an ADA ballfield. This could be done in partnership with the City of Erie or Jamestown (in New York) in order to provide travel experience for the participants.

Lacy Park			
Park Type	Area of City	Acres	Key Facilities
Neighborhood	Southeast	3	Basketball Court, T-ball field, Volleyball, Open Grass Area, Pavilion, Playground, Restrooms



PARK FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

MORCK PARK

This park is 1.8 acres and was named in honor of Anne L.C. Morck of Oil City for donating the land. The park contains an open grass area and pavilion. This park is located on the Warren/North Warren Trail and could be a more utilized as a trailhead.

Recommendations for Morck Park include:

- Task 1.** Add comfort stations (restrooms) and bike racks. Consider providing a bike share to allow people to borrow or rent a bike from a “dock”, which is a special bike rack that lock the bikes and release them by computer control after a payment is made.
- Task 2.** Provide wayfinding signage to park/trail.
- Task 3.** Add a new pavilion with utilities.
- Task 4.** Add a playground.
- Task 5.** Utilize park as trailhead for Warren/North Warren Trail with adequate signing directing users to the trail. Work with the County on signage.

Morck Park			
Park Type	Area of City	Acres	Key Facilities
Neighborhood	Northeast	1.8	Open Grass Area, Pavilion



PARK FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

MULBERRY PARK

Mulberry Park is a 9.7-acre park located in the northern portion of the city, east of Conewango Avenue. The park contains a large open grass area, a sledding slope, a playground, a basketball court, and a ballfield. Recommendations for Mulberry Park include:

- Task 1.** Prepare a master site plan for the park (6 acres) that addresses, at a minimum, the following:
- a.** Stormwater management: There are stormwater issues on the site that currently preclude the City from developing the park as an active recreation site. The site plan should incorporate green infrastructure design into the overall park design.
 - b.** Facilities: Playground (new playground equipment), basketball court (consider pervious surface to minimize runoff and noise, with lights), pavilions (rental). Consider developing a 9-hole disc golf course (requires approx. 0.5 acres per hole).
 - c.** Parking: Provide off street parking.
 - d.** ADA Restrooms: Especially if providing pavilions for rent, restrooms should be provided.
 - e.** Trails: Develop a hiking/biking switchback trail through the remainder of the park.

Mulberry Park			
Park Type	Area of City	Acres	Key Facilities
Neighborhood	Northeast	9.7	Ballfield, Basketball Court, Open Grass Area, Playground, Storage Building



PARK FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

POINT PARK / CITY POOL

Point Park is a 13-acre park located downtown at the convergency of Conewango Creek and the Allegheny River. The park has a nice open grass area with a nature trail and pavilions. One of the most sought-after facilities, however, is the large pool which is an integral place for residents to enjoy during warmer months. The City partners with the Warren County YMCA for pool management.

Due to the high maintenance cost of pools and new laws on maintenance, many communities are struggling to maintain these facilities and closures have been on the rise. These closures can threaten the characters of the communities they serve so the City Pool in Warren is a standout in regards to facility offerings for the community.

- Task 1.** Continue to improve the City Pool as a major City attraction and add new facilities as funds allow. Considerations should include:
 - a. Splash pad (only to enhance the pool offerings not to replace the pool).
 - b. Sand volleyball court.
 - c. New water features – climbing wall, splash bucket.
 - d. Shade structures.
- Task 2.** Coordinate efforts with the Warren County YMCA to extend the existing agreement for managing the City pool, which expires in September 2021, and to expand programs.
- Task 3.** Improve park.
 - a. Improve drainage.
 - b. Install a fishing pier.
 - c. Build a pedestrian bridge to downtown Warren.
 - d. Add a porta potty.
 - e. Add picnic tables.
- Task 4.** Consider making the area a nature preserve.
- Task 5.** Increase marketing of the pool to surrounding areas as well as to Warren City residents.

Point Park			
Park Type	Area of City	Acres	Key Facilities
Neighborhood	Southeast	13	Open Grass Area, Nature Trail, Pavilion (3), Playground, Swimming Pool



PRIORITIZE ACCESS TO UNDERSERVED AREAS

The City of Warren should be proud of their ability to provide the majority of the residents park access. According to The Trust for Public Land’s Park Score, 79% of the City of Warren residents have access to a park within a ten-minute walk of their homes. This is better than the national average. The map on page 35 illustrates the areas within the City of Warren that are located within a 10-minute walk to a park, as well as areas that need better access to parks. The data is provided by The Trust for Public Land’s Park Score.



UNDERSERVED AREAS

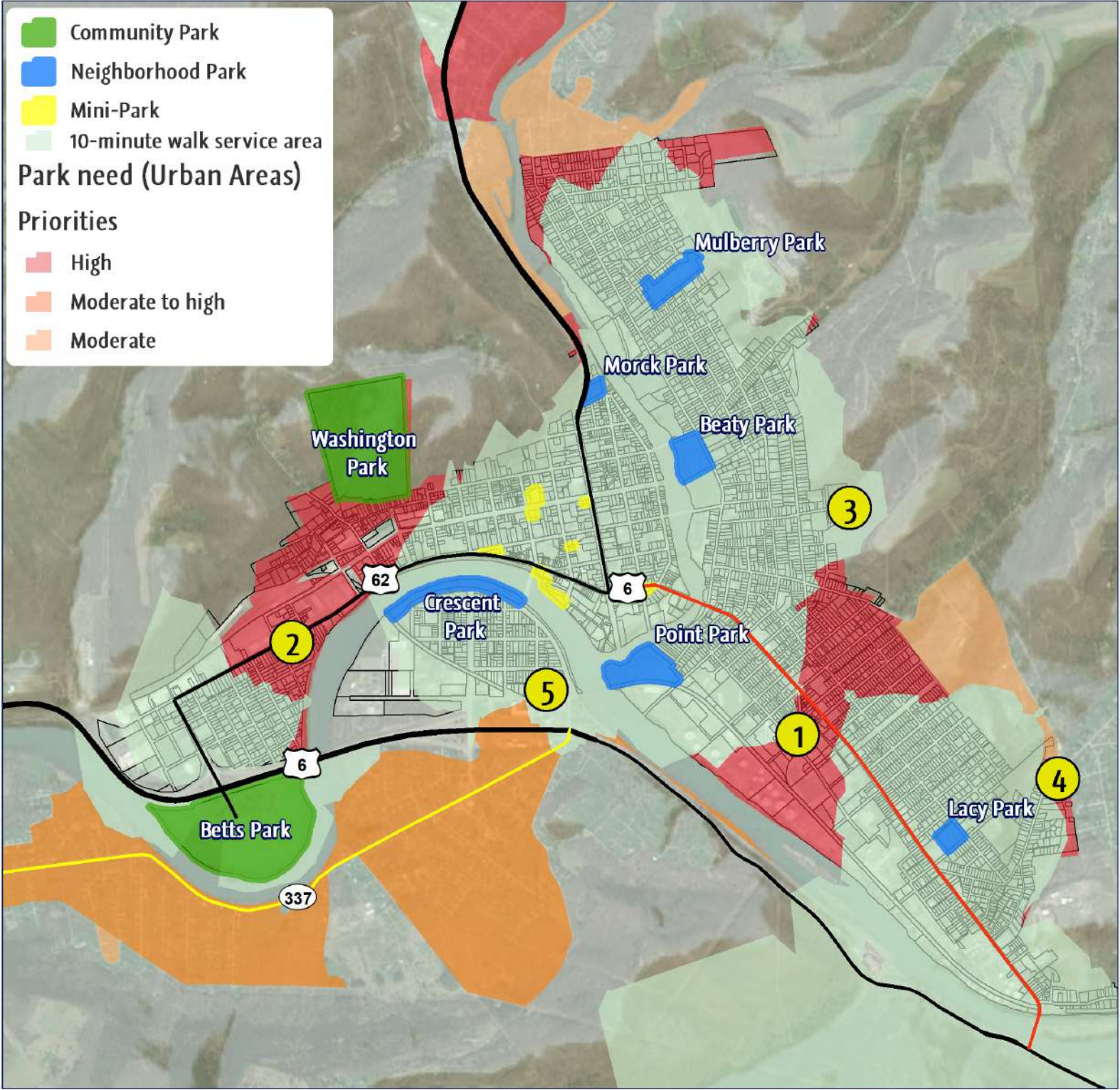
Although the majority of residents are able to enjoy close access to one of the many parks the City offers, there are still some areas that are underserved. These areas, depicted in various shades of red and orange on the map on page 37, are not within a 10-minute walk to a city park. With red being the highest priority, we can focus our attention those locations.

Park Score identifies up 5 recommended locations, also shown and numbered on the map. The first two locations fall within the highest priority underserved areas within the City (red areas). The first location is west of Highway 6, south of Point Park and north of Lacy Park. The second highest priority location is in the western portion of the city off Highway 62. This area sits just north of the Allegheny River and is south of Washington Park.

Our recommendations focus on providing access to these underserved areas and:

- Task 1.** Review zoning ordinance to clear potential issues of including park space.
- Task 2.** Look for city owned properties which might be re-purposed.
- Task 3.** Consider alternative ways of providing additional parks without breaking the budget (see pages 36- 37).
- Task 4.** Review the interest by residents in types of facilities and NRPA Recommendations when planning space (see pages 38-39).

PARK ACCESS



PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PARKS WITHOUT BREAKING THE BUDGET

The following is a list of options that were utilized in El Cajon, California, when the Director of Parks and Recreation was looking for ways to serve residents without building new parks.

OPTION 1: Create small-footprint parks. New parks in built-out communities are likely to be on small lots, where the city must maximize both green space and recreation uses. Good park design can layer in a variety of uses and amenities to provide a rich visitor experience.



OPTION 2: Add small-scale park amenities. Many communities have existing public spaces, green spaces or undeveloped sites that can be improved by making small improvements. Small elements like an outdoor reading room, outdoor fitness equipment, seating, dog areas, nature play, community garden, picnic tables, and ping pong/foosball tables add variety, interest and recreation value.



OPTION 3: Repurpose underperforming spaces. New spaces for parks and recreation might be hiding in plain sight. As urban communities evolve, businesses come and go, and buildings are demolished, park agencies can see these as opportunities to acquire or advocate for new greenspace or new recreation or cultural uses.



OPTION 4: Develop joint-use agreements. Many neighborhoods that lack park access have public or private schools, childcare centers, public facilities (fire stations, libraries, city halls, etc.), and public infrastructure. Through joint-use agreements or formalized partnerships, park agencies can ensure or expand public access to existing recreation opportunities after hours and on weekends and/or partner to add park amenities to partner sites.



OPTION 5: Rethink streets. Streets, public rights-of-way, and parking lots typically take up 30% percent of the land area in American cities. Repurposing travel or parking lanes—or entire streets at specific times like evenings or summer—opens up room for bike lanes, play areas, vendors, pop up events, entertainment and mingling.



OPTION 6: Program flexibly. Many of the health benefits of parks are tied to fitness and social activities. Park agencies across the United States are recognizing the benefits of activating city spaces in and beyond parkland. Mobile programming can fill gaps in park access by providing recreation, sports, fitness, nature programs, arts and technology, as well as nutrition and healthy lifestyle programs just about anywhere: schools, senior centers, parking lots, building lobbies, etc.



OPTION 7: Acquire land. While many cities think of land acquisition to meet park deficits, purchasing vacant lands can be a challenge. If a city does not have funds for an outright purchase, there other ways to take advantage of vacant properties. Some landowners are willing to grant long-term leases while others may offer an easement. Many cities find that land dedication requirements, fees in lieu of, or impact fees are also critical to land acquisition.



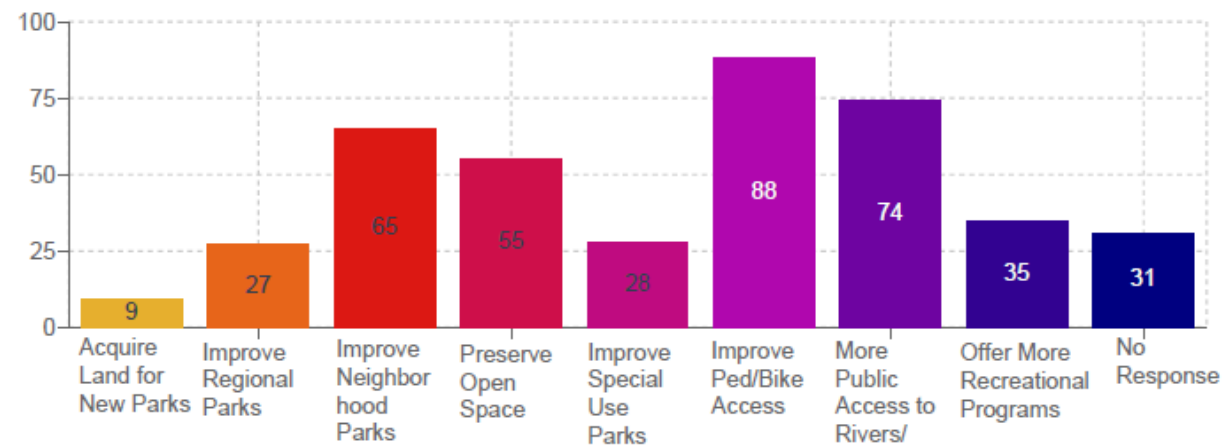
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ADDITIONAL OPTION: An additional idea is to work with Developers to install green space in their parking lots and if feasible, to install walkway/sidewalks, trees, grass, benches, bike racks, etc. throughout the space for the public and employees to use. Examples of this exist locally in Cranberry Township, Butler County and the City of Hermitage in Mercer County.

REVIEWING INTERESTS OF RESIDENTS

The public survey, sent to all city residents, found that the majority of respondents felt that neighborhood parks, open spaces, pedestrian/bike facilities, and river access should all be improved. Respondents to the survey overwhelmingly did not feel that acquisition of land for new parks should be a priority for the city, but that improvements should be made to the parks and facilities that already exist. This information, along with the data collected through analysis, field visits, Advisory Committee and additional stakeholders assisted with developing the plan’s recommendations.

Question 7 What should the City's priorities be for parks and recreation?



In reviewing the types of facilities the respondents might be interested in, amphitheater, boat launches, open fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and trails received the highest responses.

Facility Type	Very Interested	Somewhat Interested	Not Interested
Amphitheater	41%	44%	14%
BMX Pump Track	17%	12%	70%
Canoe/Kayak Launches	50%	37%	13%
Disc/Frisbee Golf	8%	34%	57%
Fishing Access	24%	33%	41%
Open Fields	29%	48%	22%
Outdoor Exercise Equipment	18%	42%	39%
Outdoor Sport Courts	24%	47%	27%
Outdoor Sport Fields	27%	42%	29%
Picnic Areas/Facilities	41%	51%	7%
Playgrounds	40%	43%	16%
Splash Pad/Spray Park	23%	33%	43%
Trails	74%	20%	4%

NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATIONS

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) provides recommendations on the various types of facilities a city should provide its residents, and more specifically how many, based on the number of residents within that city. The analysis for the City of Warren is located in the table below.

Type Of Park	Recommended # of facilities per 1,000 population	Existing Acres in Warren	Need	Surplus/ (Deficiency)
Basketball Courts	1 per 3,975	6	2.3	3.7
Community Gardens	1 per 7,300	0	1.25	-1.25
Diamond Fields – adult baseball	1 per 7,812	0	1.16	-1.16
Diamond Fields – youth baseball	1 per 3,378	2	2.7	-0.7
Diamond Fields – youth softball	1 per 5,500	0	1.66	-1.66
Diamond Fields –adult softball	1 per 4,831	3	1.89	1.11
Dog Parks	1 per 10,000	0	0.91	-0.91
Ice Skating Rink Outdoor	1 per 18,500	0	0.49	-0.49
Playgrounds	1 per 2,269	11	4.02	6.98
Rectangular Fields - football	1 per 7,789	0	1.17	-1.17
Rectangular Fields - Multipurpose	1 per 3,875	1	2.35	-1.35
Rectangular Fields - soccer	1 per 3,411	0	2.7	-2.7
Skate Park	1 per 10,234	1	0.68	-0.68
Swimming Pool Outdoor	1 per 7,812	1	1.17	-0.17
Tennis Courts	1 per 2,500	6	3.65	2.45
Tot Lots	1 per 8,586	1	1.06	-0.06

CONNECTING PATHS TO CITIES

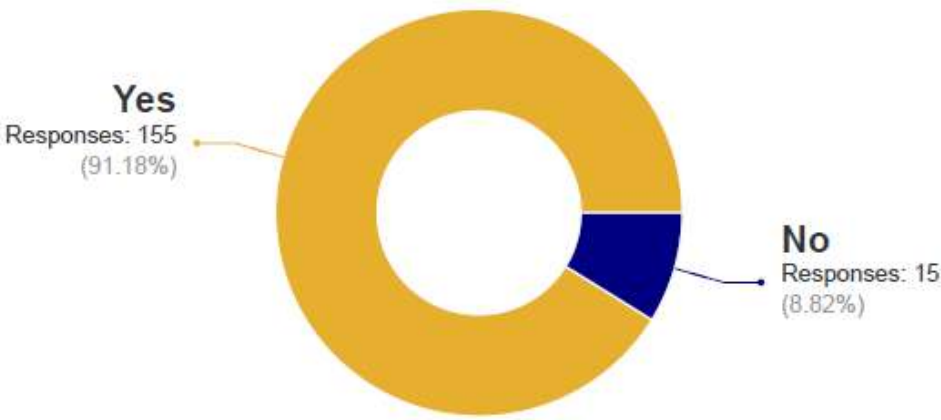
Cities are increasingly recognizing the benefits of connecting trails, greenways, and parks to people and neighborhoods. As the Schuylkill Banks organization began building bridges to connect their previous trails, they noted that connecting these paths to the cities and residents:

"...encourages physical fitness and healthy lifestyles and can positively contribute to our mental well-being. Plus, many cities have found that trails bring in millions of dollars a year from increases in recreation and tourism, which spurs new retail and employment opportunities in the neighborhoods surrounding the trails. And, let's not forget the environmental benefits that come from well-connected trails and greenways."

<https://schuylkillbanks.org/blog/connecting-trail-and-its-benefits>

The many park and recreation facilities offered by the City of Warren need to be brought together, so that residents and visitors can walk or bike between them with ease. As shown by the survey responses, almost 10% of respondents are unable to safely walk or bike to a park. The recommendations on the following pages can help to address this.

Question 5 From your home, can you walk or bike safely to a park?



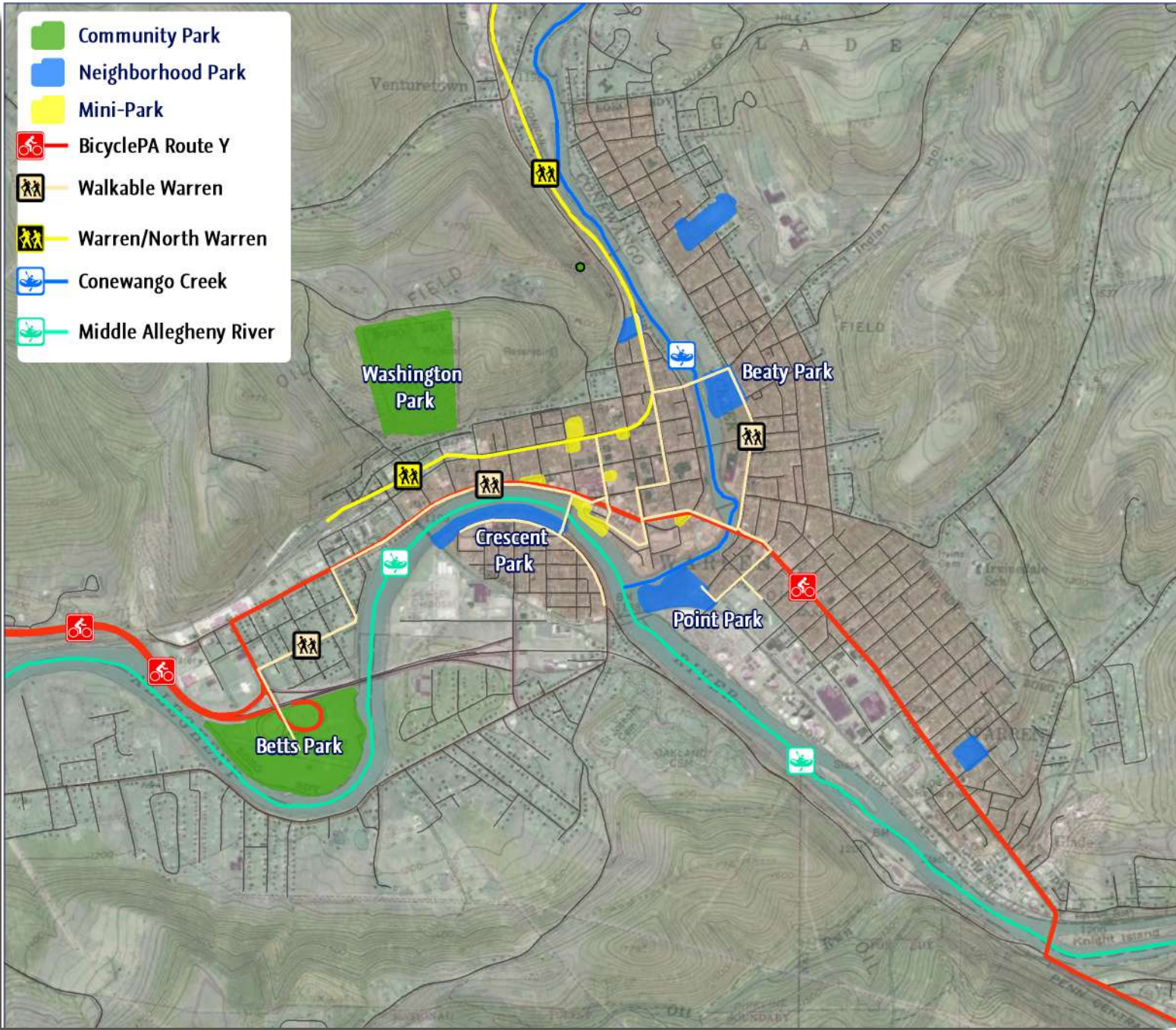
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TRAILS & CONNECTIVITY

DEVELOP A FORMAL CITYWIDE TRAIL NETWORK

- Task 1.** Develop a pump track in the City.
- a. Determine appropriate location. Some options include east end of Clark Street near the Allegheny Community Center or Morck Park.
 - b. Connect to riverfront trail.
- Task 2.** Extend the City’s riverfront trail network.
- a. As noted in the Experience Warren - Downtown Strategic Plan, complete the trail in the City’s easement along the riverbank from Breeze Point Landing, east to the Pennsylvania Avenue bridge.
 - b. Establish a formal trail in Point Park from the front playground area to the point at the confluence, including proper trail signage.
 - c. Determine the feasibility of constructing a pedestrian bridge across the Conewango Creek connecting Point Park to the city property across the Conewango Creek.
 - d. Extend the Riverwalk Trail to Betts Park.
- Task 3.** Provide/improve connections between Downtown and the waterfront, focusing on Liberty and Market Streets.
- Task 4.** Establish an on-road historic walking trail that tells the story of Warren’s history. The trail should have a mapped route, which is available as a pamphlet to download, and include interpretive signs or QR codes that provide the historic context of the site.
- Task 5.** Utilize the Warren/North Warren Hike/Bike Trail as a peddle/paddle with the Conewango Creek.
- a. Utilize Point Park as a take-out place, with canoe/kayak lockers. Consider partnering with a private entity to offer bike rentals.
 - b. Work with County and private landowners to develop a launch site north of the City.


The following map shows the City’s parks in relation to bike, pedestrian, and water trails. The Warren/North Warren Hike/Bike Trail could be used as a peddle/paddle with Conewango Creek access, connecting Point Park. With possible trail connections extending beyond the City, it is important to look at ways to utilize the Warren/ North Warren Trail to improve connectivity and access for residents and tourists alike.



ESTABLISH WALKABLE WARREN AS A FORMAL TRAIL

WHAT IS “WALKABLE WARREN”?


According to their Facebook page, “Walkable Warren is a local initiative intended to promote healthy lifestyles by encouraging pedestrian and bicycling as alternative modes of travel in and around the City of Warren. Warren has a wealth of scenic landscapes, historic architecture, public parks, and trails, all worthy of showcasing and that are best experienced on foot or by bicycle. Recommended routes of travel between the Warren/North Warren Bike/Hike Trail, core downtown, and a few of our public parks are marked by Walkable Warren signage along our public streets. We encourage you to step out of the automobile as a source of travel, and instead, experience Walkable Warren on foot or by bicycle. Pedestrians should use the sidewalks. Bicyclists must obey all traffic laws.”




Walkable Warren


Warren/North Warren Bike Trail
Located along the banks of the Conewango Creek, the open thru-mile segment of the trail follows the old New York Central branch north from the City of Warren. Beginning at the north end of East Street in downtown Warren, the trail leads north out of town, following the banks of the quiet Conewango Creek. As the trail continues north, it leaves the creek and enters a busy commercial section along Route 42. The trail is sufficiently removed from the highway, creating a nice buffer from the traffic. The trail ends near a beautiful town park that has picnic areas, a garden, parking and restrooms.

CONEWANGO CREEK
Conewango is an Iroquois name meaning "below the cliffs". The Conewango Creek was the waterway trail leading to the "Tribulation Park" of the Seneca Nation, so called because it was regarded so carefully and it was a direct line to the "Land of Lilies", their special domain. In the 1900's, the creek became a logging highway as vast lumber rafts were lashed together and floated downstream to Pittsburgh for sale. Today, the Conewango is still rural and wild, a haven for wildlife and for those who wish to paddle back in time.







Horses being used to move logs, the prime moving power in the woods.



Getting logs to water.



Maneuvering a raft through shallow waters.




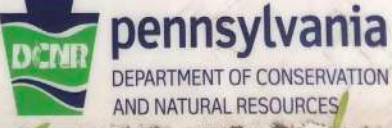


Last Square Timber Raft, made up of pieces from the Conewango - 1900. Three oars at each end indicate that it is a river raft.

FROM THE FORESTS TO THE SAWMILLS TO MARKET

In the early 1800's, sawmills began springing up along the waterways of northwestern Pennsylvania in response to growing demand for dimensional building lumber. Transporting the cut timber from forest to sawmill was dangerous work and no easy task. Working in teams, early lumberjacks (also known as "jobbers") clear-cut all worthwhile dimension trees of Eastern White Pine. Utilizing sturdy teams of horses and/or oxen, they then skidded, trailed or slid logs to a staging area along the banks of the stream. From there, the logs were rolled into the stream and floated to sawmills. The Conewango Creek served as a highway for transporting squared timber rafts and sawn lumber rafts to downstream markets. The standard sawn lumber raft was a platform assembled from alternating courses of 16 foot boards between a bottom and top frame joined together by "grubs", which were young saplings with roots. On the Conewango Creek, the standard raft was ten (10) platforms long and one (1) platform wide, approximately 170 feet long by 17 feet wide with one oar at each end. Where the Conewango entered the Allegheny River at Warren, 6 of the 10 platform "strings" would be coupled together to form an "Allegheny Raft" approximately 340 feet long and 51 feet wide, with three oars or sweeps at each end. Because of their size, rafts could be launched only in times of high water, which was generally in the spring of the year following snow melt.

Historic photos provided by:
The Warren Public Library and,
The Warren County Historical Society



HOW TO PROMOTE IT

The signage that distinguishes the Walkable Warren logo is a light blue “W” with the image of a person walking embedded in it. It is located throughout the corridor so users can easily navigate while on the trail. But how do you promote the use of the trail if residents and visitors are unaware of even its existence? As mentioned earlier, the City should establish Walkable Warren as a formal trail. Let us dig into the steps to take to help this process:



- Task 1.** Prepare official maps of the route and post online. There is a Google Earth map showing the route (see below), but an official map made with key location information, such as rest areas, dining, scenic views will help attract visitors.
- Task 2.** Market as the City’s extension of the Warren/North Warren Hike/Bike Trail. If promoted throughout the county, users accessing the Warren/North Warren Trail will connect to Walkable Warren Trail and utilize it to stop at different locations throughout the city.
- Task 3.** Prioritize route for bike and pedestrian infrastructure. Bike lanes/multimodal trail should be priority, with improved sidewalks and sharrows as a second choice.
- Task 4.** Continue the expansion of the Walkable Warren trails connecting all parks and developing additional themes with interpretative signage for various trail loops. Connecting other parks has the potential to bring more visitors to lesser known parks.
- Task 5.** Develop a brochure showing each of the Walkable Warren trails once established. Brochures located at rest areas, city and county buildings, local businesses, and visitor centers will help attract residents and tourists.



IMPROVE RIVER ACCESS DOWNTOWN

Providing additional river access is one of the main priority areas for the City of Warren. As pleasure boating has been on the rise, many communities with water access have made a concerted effort to take advantage of the potential that water traffic can have on a downtown area. In 2016, The City of Clearwater Florida developed the North Marina Master plan to focus on the waterfront as it tied together the downtown region and the beach. The City found that the Marina area had underutilized and vacant properties that were in need of redevelopment, and that 46% of the housing units were renter occupied. By tying the areas together, re-developing the water front, and marketing it as a water destination with overnight lodging, the City would be able to maximize the economic benefit for the area businesses with local and tourism dollars.

Responses from the City of Warren public survey indicated that respondents would like to see the City encourage and promote downtown river development and access. Although there are plenty of residents and tourists who utilize the river trails, they often stop and take out before or after the city and are not visiting downtown. Including more access in the city and promoting the businesses in that area will help those businesses by increased foot traffic and revenue.

Although there are two non-motorized (undeveloped) boat launches in the City at Betts and Point Parks, making these formal launches as well as creating an additional launch could be beneficial. There are multiple locations that may be suitable for an additional launch, Breeze Point Landing was an area many respondents considered to be prime location for downtown access and economic benefit. This area provides prime access to eateries and shops within a very short walking distance.

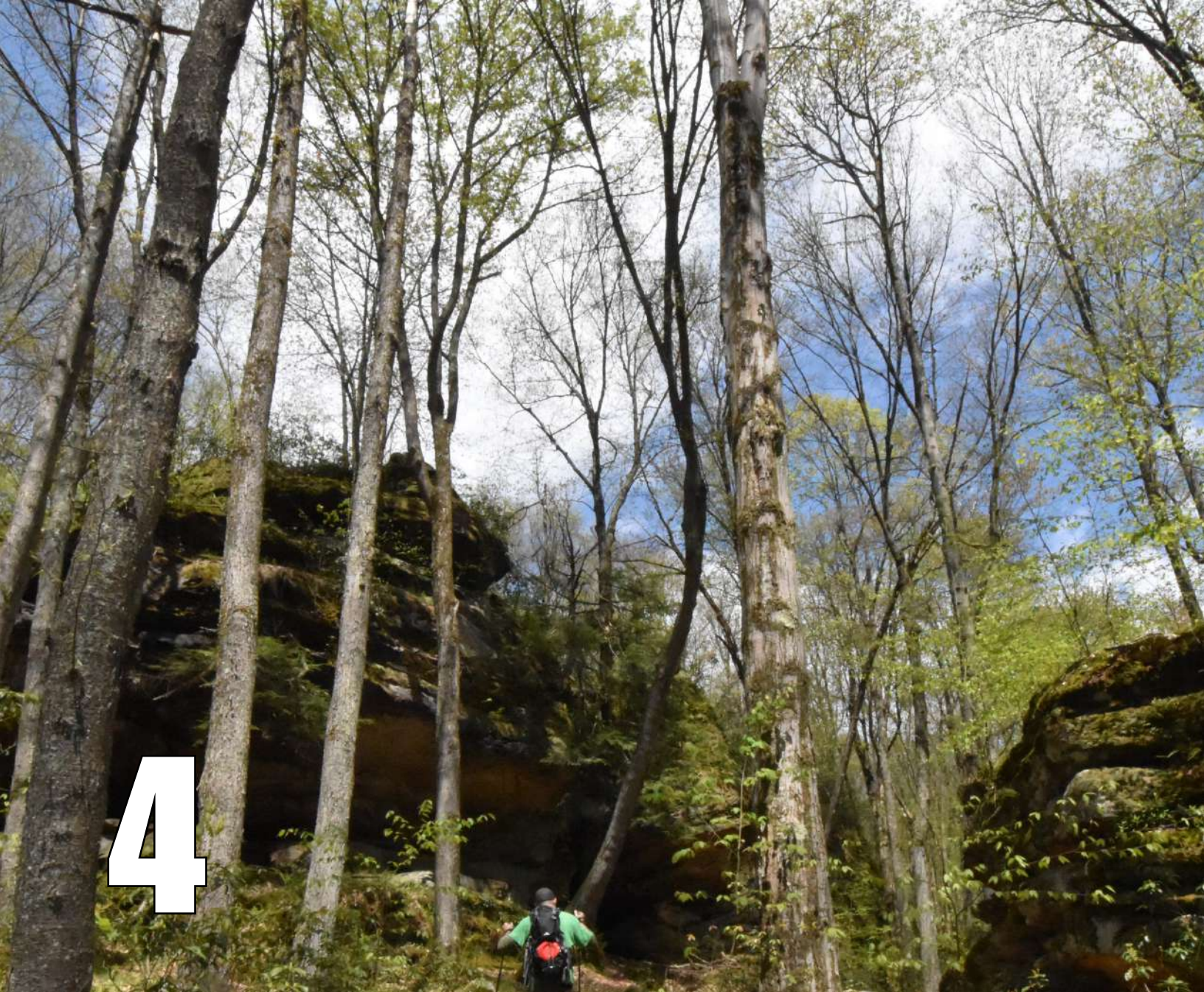
Recommendations for improving river access downtown are:

- Task 1.** Develop a formal boat launch on the Allegheny River at the end of Liberty and Clark Streets in the Central Business District. One possible location is adjacent to Breeze Point Landing.
- Task 2.** Provide lockers on-site (for kayaks/canoes) so people can walk into town.
- Task 3.** Construct a kiosk with a map of nearby downtown businesses. Also make the map available on the City’s website as well as in printed brochures for easy distribution
- Task 4.** Make restrooms available at Breeze Point Landing and provide information regarding the location of restrooms at nearby Betts Park.
- Task 5.** Make existing launches at Betts and Point Parks more developed/formal boat launches.

Some of the downtown businesses that would be beneficial for boaters:

- **Restaurants:** Bent Run Brewing Company, Jack’s Tap House, NY Style Deli & Pizza, Plaza Restaurant, Christie’s Downtown Pub & Grill, Cornerstone Lounge and Family Restaurant, Tabouli Restaurant, McDonald’s, Little Caesars Pizza, Liberty Street Lunch, New Ling Ling Chinese Restaurant
- **Shops:** Allegheny Outfitters, Warren Cycle Shop, Second Avenue Exchange, Nice Ash Cigars & Lounge, Allegheny Antiques, Tybout House
- **Groceries:** Tops Friendly Markets, Dollar General
- **Pharmacies:** Tops Pharmacy, CVS Pharmacy





Although the City does not have a Park and Recreation Department, there are 11 full time and 13 part time staff that participate in and oversee various activities and facilities related to parks and recreation for the City. The City also has a Parks and Recreation Commission, which is a 6-member volunteer commission responsible for developing and recommending park and recreation programs.

The following is a list of staff responsible for the administration and maintenance of the City of Warren’s parks, trails, and facilities:

STAFF

- **Secretary/Clerk Tax Department:** Assists with administration, bills, minutes from the park and recreation board, and facility rentals. This position also manages pool passes, calendar pool rentals, reports, and pool attendance.
- **Public Works Director:** Oversees park maintenance and development as well as policy, ordinances, special events, fee resolution, hiring, grants, and payroll.
- **Operators (2):** Part of their time is devoted to park maintenance.
- **Public Works Staff (6):** Assist in parks when needed.
- **Summer Playground Supervisor:** This staff person works 10 weeks in summer, and oversees the playground programs, scheduling, purchases, field trips, guest speakers, site supervisors, and lunch programs. The Supervisor also trains park leaders, evaluates park leaders, keeps reports, and resolves conflicts if they arise.
- **Park Leaders (7):** These staff work part-time and supervise playground programs, keep records, and provide light cleaning. There are three at Beaty Park, two at Lacey Park, and two at Crescent Park.

Because parks and recreation facilities have so many benefits, such as economic, health, environmental, and social, it is sensible to put effort into maintaining and developing them. It can be a challenge, however, due to the lack of staff and funding. With respect to the City of Warren and the large number of current parks and recreation facilities, this can be especially overwhelming. So, what more can be done?

ADMINISTRATION & MAINTENANCE

INCREASE PERSONNEL

Personnel are integral to the successful administration of parks and facilities. When considering how to increase personnel, consider a combination of staff positions, volunteers, and internships to minimize costs. Continually review needs and remain flexible as opportunities arise.

Task 1. Expand staff dedicated to parks and recreation.

- a. As funds are available, hire additional staff (either full time or seasonal) designated to park maintenance.
- b. Due to the popularity of the summer playground program, hire two additional Playground Site Supervisors to expand the program to an additional site.
- c. If future program expansion occurs, a program coordinator may be needed. This could possibly be done as a cooperative effort with the County.

Task 2. Volunteers & Internships.

- a. Coordinate with universities for park and/or program internship opportunities.
- b. Coordinate with the high schools to develop leadership project opportunities in the parks and assisting with programs.
- c. Establish a list of volunteers willing to donate time, service, and materials and maintain log book of hours volunteered.
- d. Establish a “Friends of the Parks” group.

Task 4. Continue to provide training opportunities.

- a. Maintain current first aid and CPR/AED training for all park and program personnel.
- b. Provide staff opportunities to attend conferences and workshops.



DEVELOP ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES

Providing park and recreation facilities and programs requires a great number of municipal resources, including continued dedicated support from the City. Recommendations include:

Task 1. Update policy manuals to meet the needs of the parks as they further develop.



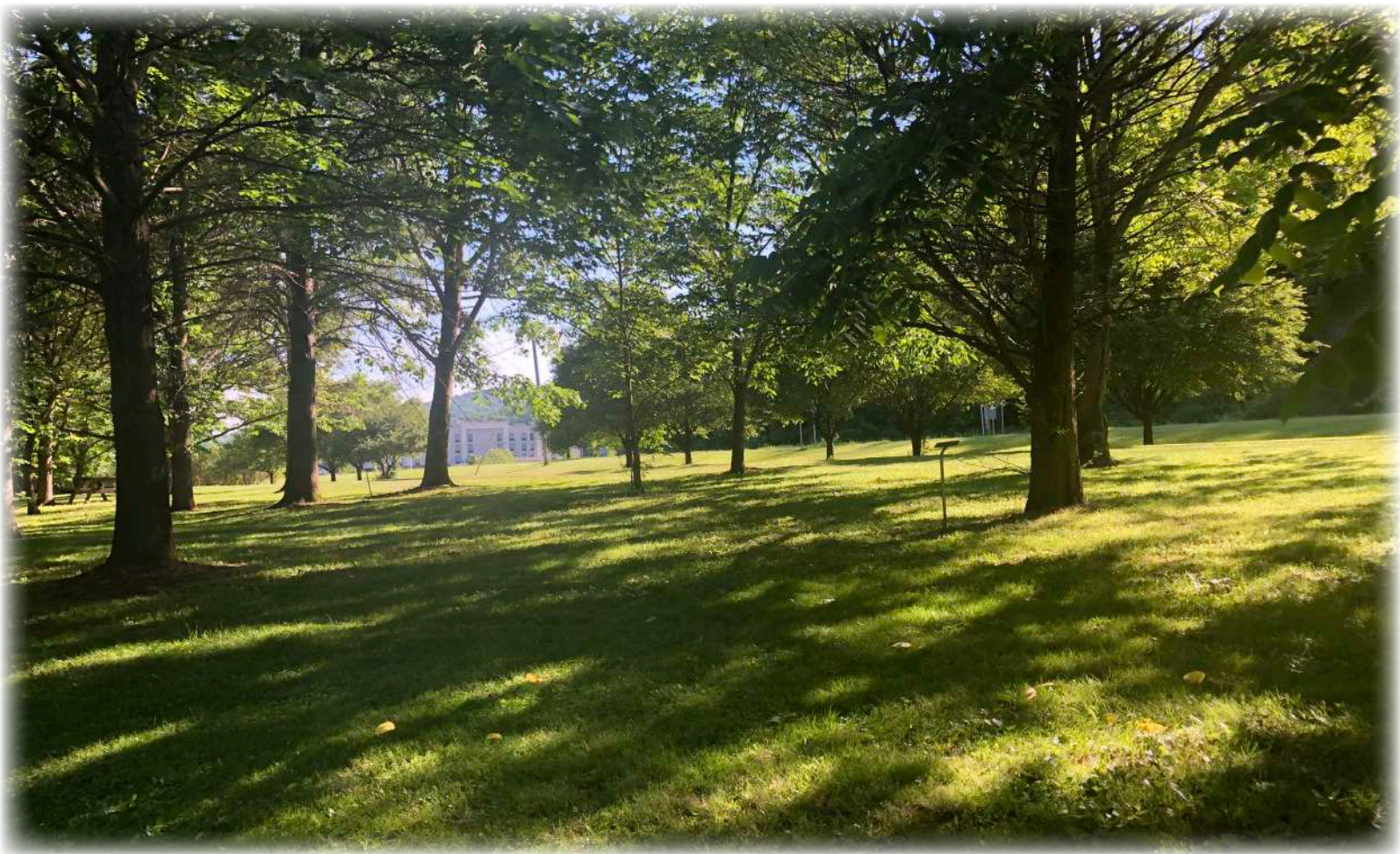
Task 2. Develop an administration manual that contains all the current strategic information pertaining to personnel, park facilities, and programs and update regularly as things change.

Task 3. Establish safety policies and a risk management program.



Task 4. Update the park facilities chart as new facilities are added and old facilities removed or rehabilitated.

Task 5. Conduct an annual survey to see what facilities are being used/underutilized, what the needs are for the individual parks, and what the priorities should be for the upcoming year. Once this is complete, research funding sources that can assist with costs.



STRATEGIZE MARKETING

A detailed and targeted marketing or public relations strategy is a need because a lot of residents are not aware of existing facilities and programs.

Task 1. Expand the use of the internet and social media to promote parks and recreation in the City.

- a. Continue to utilize and update the City’s website and Facebook page to promote park and recreation facilities and programs.
- b. Link the website to other recreation providers in the area.
- c. Develop a comprehensive email data base of residents who would like to receive recreational information.

Task 2. Utilize existing resources.

- a. Utilize the Warren Library to promote programs and facilities.
- b. Continue utilizing schools to send information on the summer playground program and pool.
- c. Publicize on radio and in newspapers.
- d. Utilize trail head signs, bulletin boards and kiosks for posting program and park information.



LEVERAGE RELATIONSHIPS TO BUILD PROGRAMMING

The City enjoys good working relationships with businesses, organizations, and institutions in the area, but to continue to provide quality recreation in an affordable and sustainable manner, these relationships will need to be expanded and continued especially in terms of programming. There are several programs currently offered in the City and County by numerous organizations, and some additional opportunities are listed below.

Task 1. Develop new partnerships with other recreation providers not currently engaged with to increase programming opportunities such as swimming activities for all ages, court activities, passive recreation, trail activities, educational programs, family activities, programs targeted to specific age groups (youth, teen, young adult, adult, and senior).

- a. Sports organizations
- b. Scouting organizations
- c. Churches
- d. Businesses
- e. Community Centers Work

Task 2. Work with the Warren County School District to extend the agreement for use of the tennis courts at Betts Park as the current agreement expires in 2021.

Task 3. Begin discussions for expanding the summer lunch program. Providing lunches as part of the summer playground program is essential, but costly. If additional sites are identified, this program will need to be funded through additional resources from the City and other partners.

Task 4. If programming is increased, research the use of indoor school facilities, such as gymnasiums, auditoriums, cafeterias, etc. as an opportunity to expand indoor recreation programming in the area.



The goal of any planning process should be to develop a plan that is easy to use, relevant and implementable. Warren City's Park and Recreation Plan was developed with these items in mind. The planning process included a public outreach process, data collection and developing recommendations/action items. These are discussed throughout the document, but this section focuses on implementation.

An implementation matrix can be found on the following pages. It was developed to provide a roadmap for those who are implementing the plan. For each of the action items identified in the plan, additional information is provided in terms of:

- **Responsible Party:** Who will be in charge of implementing the recommendation (this is primarily the City)?
- **Potential Partners:** Who can help with implementation?
- **Estimated Cost:** Based on our experience and expertise - how much should be budgeted?
- **Timeframe:** Short-Term (1-3 years), Mid-Term (5-7 years), or Long-Term (7+ years)
- **Reference Pages:** Where can you find more information in the plan?
- **Funding Sources:** A list of funding sources along with descriptions for each can be found in the Appendices.

This matrix will also make it easier to track progress for each of the action items.

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IMPLEMENTATION

City of Warren PA Parks & Recreation Implementation Strategy

An implementation matrix has been developed to provide a roadmap for those who are implementing the plan. For each of the action items information is provided in terms of the responsible party, potential partners, estimated cost, timeframe, and reference pages. This matrix will also make it easier to track progress for each of the action items. Funding sources for the various action items can be found in the Appendices.

Recommendation		Responsible Party	Potential Partners	Estimated Cost	Timeframe for Implementation	Reference for More Info
PARKS & FACILITIES	Improve existing community and neighborhood park facilities.					
	Betts Park: Improve ped & cycle connections, construct all-weather building, construct ADA accessible fishing pier, continue to upgrade facilities and consider adding an ice rink.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission	Total Cost - \$845,000 (breakdown below): Improved Pedestrian and Bicycle Connections = \$25,000 Construct All-Weather Building = \$500,000* (will vary depending on finshes and furninshings) Construct ADA Accessible Fishing Pier = \$100,000* (includes environmental studies) Update Restroom to ADA Standards = \$70,000 Repaint lines on basketball court & parking lot = \$15,000 Replace fencing at three softball fields = \$60,000 Rehabilitate/upgrade fields = \$40,000 Replace the 2-5 year Playgrounds = \$35,000	Short Term	pg. 18-19
	Washington Park: Implement the recommendations of the Conceptual Site Plan.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission	See Site Plan for cost estimates	Medium Term	pg. 20-21
	Beaty Park: Expand skate park, add BMX facilities, extend trail network, build new pavilion, improve the walking trail.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission	Total Cost - \$251,000 (breakdown below): Expand skate park = \$40,000 Add BMX facilities = \$50,000 Build pavilion = \$85,000 Expand trail newtork = \$76,000	Medium Term	pg. 22-23
	Crescent Park: Upgrade basketball courts, replace playground equipment, construct new pavilion, complete upgrades as part of the DCNR grant, coninue the arboretum with as many plant species as possible.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission	Total Cost - \$310,000 (breakdown below): Upgrade basketball courts = \$75,000 Replace playground equipment = \$150,000 Construct new pavilion = \$85,000	Short Term	pg. 24-25
	Lacy Park: Replace surface on playground, expand playground, and construct ADA ballfield.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission	Total Cost - \$575,000 (breakdown below): Replace playground surface = \$20,000 Expand playground = \$150,000 ADA ballfield = \$400,000	Short Term	pg. 26-27
	Morck Park: Add restrooms and bike racks, provide trail signage, add new pavilion, add playground, utilize park as trailhead.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission	Total Cost - \$252,500 (breakdown below): Restroom and bike racks = \$80,000 Trail signage = \$1,500 New pavilion (with utilities) = \$70,000 Playground = \$100,000 Trailhead = \$1,000	Short Term	pg. 28-29
	Mulberry Park: Prepare master site plan.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission	Master site plan = \$40,000	Medium Term	pg. 30-31
	Point Park: Continue to improve City Pool, work with YMCA to extend management agreement, consider making the area a nature preserve, increase pool marketing.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission; YMCA	Total Cost - \$349,500 (breakdown below): Splash pad = \$300,000 Sand volleyball = \$20,000 Water features = \$25,000 Shade structures = \$4,500	Short to Medium Term	pg. 32-33
	Prioritize access to underserved communities within the City of Warren.					
	Review ordinance to clear zoning issues, look for properties to re-purpose.	City of Warren	Township; Parks and Recreation Authority	Staff Time	Short Term	pg. 34-35

	Consider alternate ways to provide parks, review recommendations by residents and NRPA.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Authority; Borough Police Department	Staff Time	Medium Term	pg. 34-39
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TRAILS & CONNECTIVITY	Recommendation	Responsible Party	Potential Partners	Opinion of Probable Cost	Timeframe for Implementation	Reference for
	Develop a formal citywide trail network.					
	Develop a pump track in the City.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission	\$15,000-\$25,000 for natural surface; \$50,000-\$75,000 for prefabricated surface	Short to Medium Term	pg. 42-43
	Extend City's waterfront trail network.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission	\$350,000-\$450,000 dependent on project	Short to Medium Term	pg. 42-43
	Provide connections between Downtown and waterfront.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission	\$5,000-\$15,000 for pedestrian improvements	Short Term	pg. 42-43
	Establish walking trail with City history.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission	Staff Time; \$5,000-\$7,500 for pamphlet design	Short Term	pg. 42-43
	Utilize Warren/North Warren Bike/Hike trail as peddle/paddle with Conewango Creek.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission	Staff time; \$35,000-\$45,000 depending on project	Short Term	pg. 42-43
	Establish Walkable Warren as a formal trail.					
	Prepare official maps and brochures.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission	\$5,000-\$10,000	Short Term	pg. 45
	Market as extension of Warren/North Warren trail.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission; Warren County	Staff Time	Short Term	pg. 45
	Prioritize route for bike and ped infrastructure.	City of Warren	Park and Recreation Commission	Dependent on project	Medium Term	pg. 45
	Continue expansion of Walkable Warren trail.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission; Local Businesses	\$10,000-\$15,000 Dependent on project	Medium Term	pg. 45
	Improve river access downtown.					
	Develop formal boat launch.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission; PA Fish and Boat Commission	\$20,000-\$40,000 dependent on material	Short Term	pg. 46-47
	Provide lockers on-site.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission	\$4,000-\$7,000	Short Term	pg. 46-47
	Construct kiosk with map of downtown businesses.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission; Local Businesses	\$1,500-\$3,000	Short Term	pg. 46-47
	Make restrooms available	City of Warren	N/A	Staff Time	Short Term	pg. 46-47
	Make existing launches at Betts and Point Parks more formal launches	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission; PA Fish and Boat Commission	\$20,000-\$40,000 dependent on material	Short Term	pg. 46-47

ADMINISTRATION & MAINTENANCE	Recommendation	Responsible Party	Potential Partners	Opinion of Probable Cost	Timeframe for Implementation	Reference for More Info
	Increase personnel to assist in parks and facilities administration and maintenance.					
	Expand staff to include full-time or seasonal, volunteers, and interns and continually review needs.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission; Local schools	Dependent on salary	Medium to Long Term	pg. 50
	Continue to provide training opportunities.	City of Warren	PA Recreation and Parks Society	Staff Time	Short Term	pg. 50
	Develop administrative initiatives to help facilitate programs.					
	Update policy manuals, develop administration manual, and update park facilities chart.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission	Staff Time	Short Term	pg. 51
	Establish safety policies.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission	Staff Time	Short Term	pg. 51
	Conduct annual survey of facilities.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission	Staff Time	Short Term	pg. 51
	Strategize marketing to enhance promotion of parks and recreation.					
	Expand use of internet, social media, and existing resources to promote programs and facilities.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission	Staff Time	Short Term	pg. 52
	Utilize existing resources.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission; Library; Local Media Outlets	Staff Time	Short Term	pg. 52
	Leverage relationships already formed and create new ones.					
	Develop new partnerships with other recreation providers.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission; Local Organizations	Staff Time	Medium Term	pg. 53
	Work with Warren County School District to expand tennis court usage	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission; School District	Staff Time	Short Term	pg. 53
	Begin discussions for expanding summer lunch program.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission; Warren County	Staff Time	Short Term	pg. 53
	Research use of indoor school facilities to expand programming.	City of Warren	Parks and Recreation Commission; School District	Staff Time	Short Term	pg. 53

Appendix A

Policies & Procedures

Policies and procedures that govern the general operation of a recreation and park functions include:

- Reservation listing box at pavilions
- Policy manual for the playground program
- Policy Manual for the swimming pool
- Resident/Non-Resident Policy: Summer Playground Program – residents only
- Pavilion Rental Rules & Regulations
- Pavilion Rental Application
- Pavilion Rental Clean-Up Policy
- Special Events Permit Application
- Special Events Procedures – Ordinance 1821
- Special Events Licensing of Entertainment – Ordinance 1846
- Requirements & Procedures Checklist for Special Events
- Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Codes – Chapter 340 Rules & Regulations
- Pool Complex Policies & Rules
- Skate Board Rules & Regulations
- City of Warren Park Amenities Chart
- Memorial & Donation Policy
- Memorial, Donation, & Gifts Agreement Form

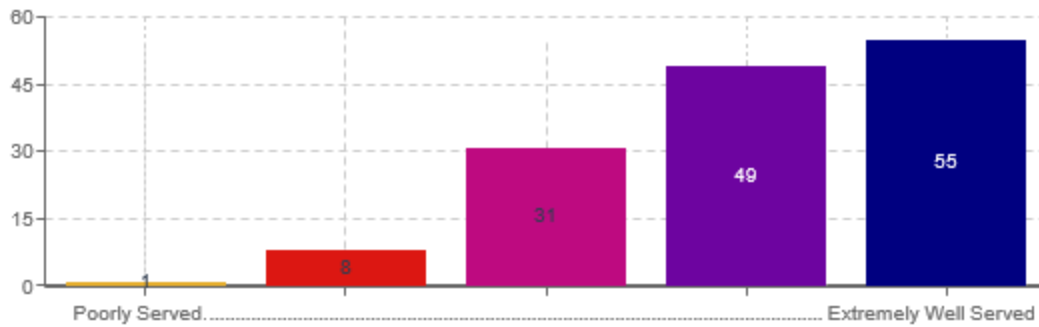
Record keeping procedures include:

- Swimming pool – attendance, attendance areas, chemical usage monitoring, injuries, concession receipts
- Playground program – registration form, attendance, injuries, field trip participation

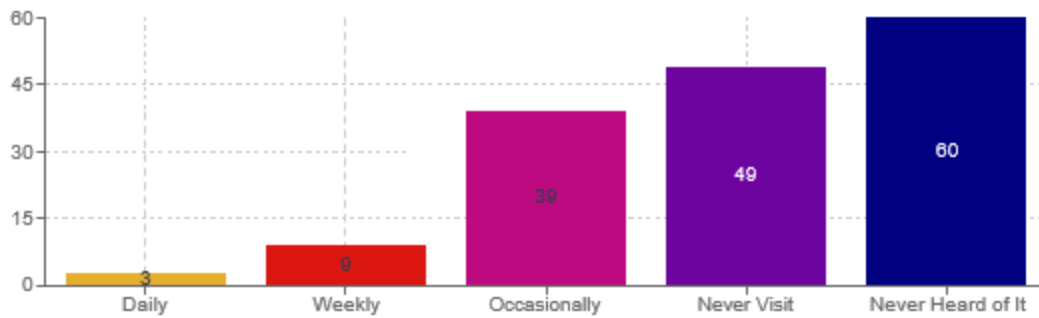
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Public Input Results

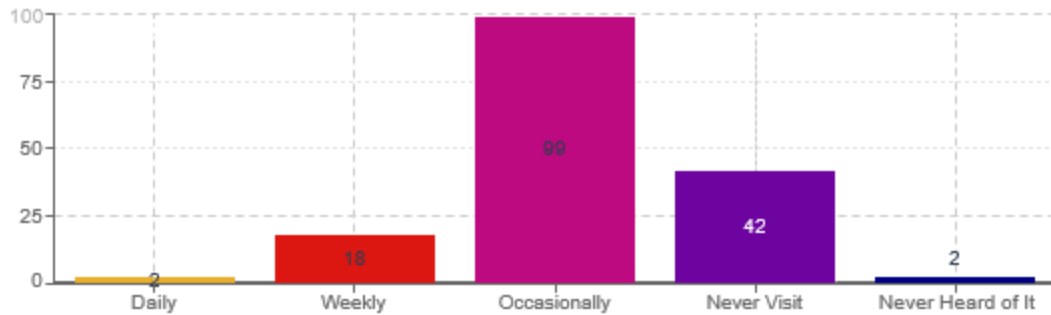
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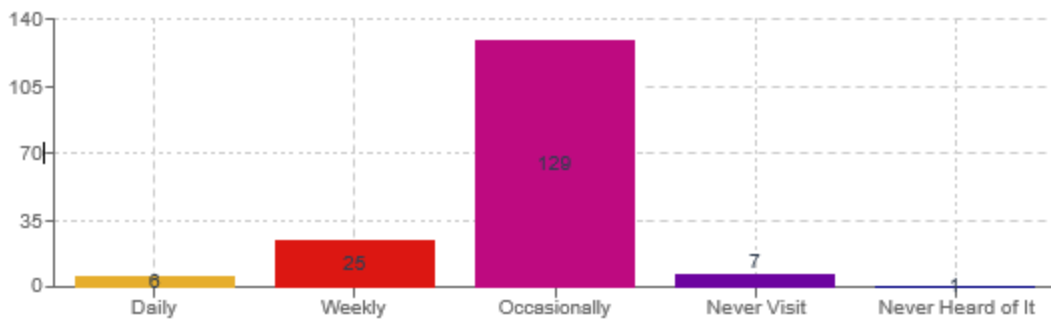
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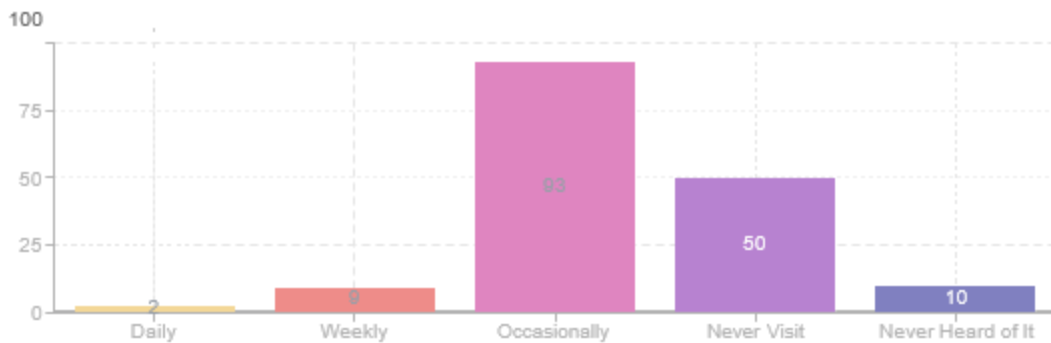
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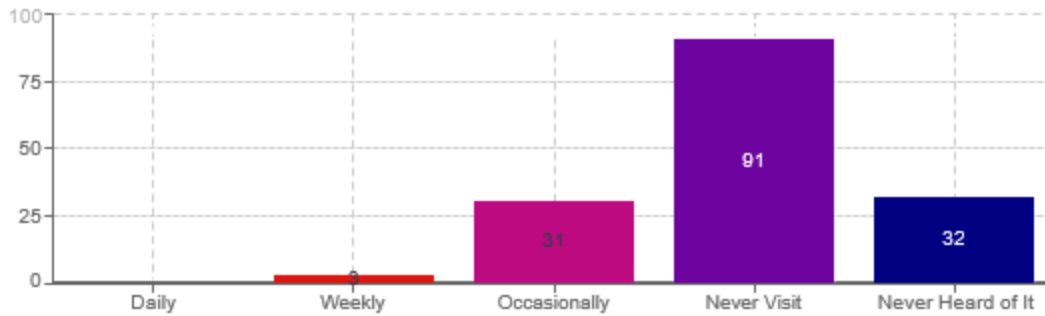
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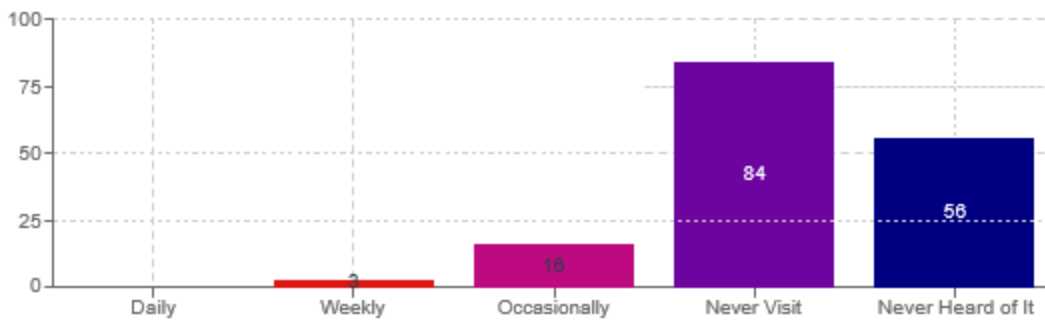
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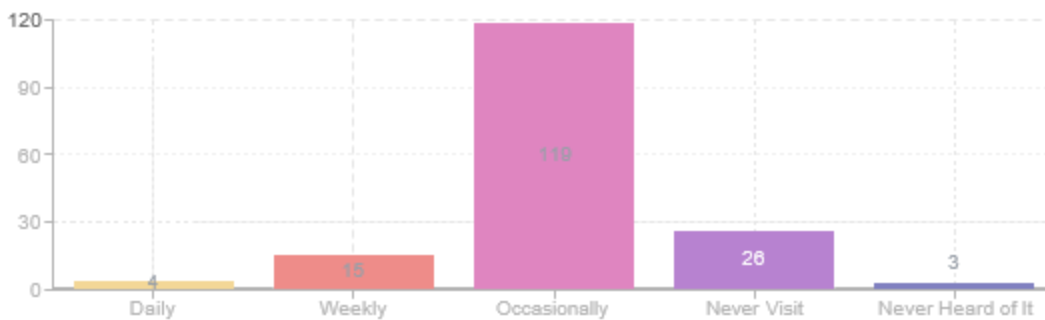
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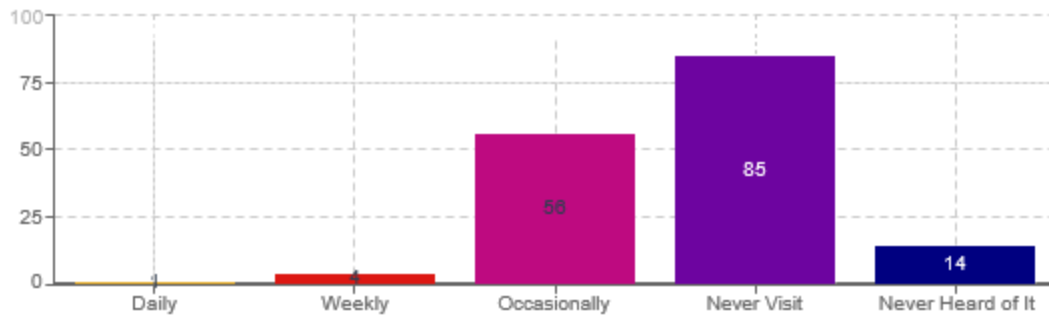
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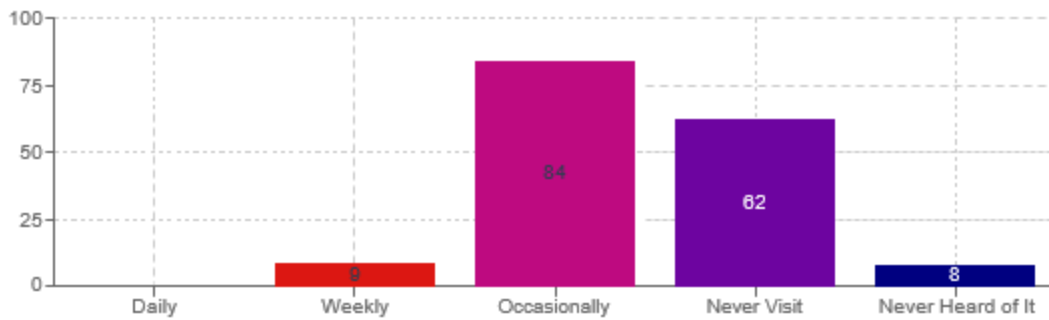
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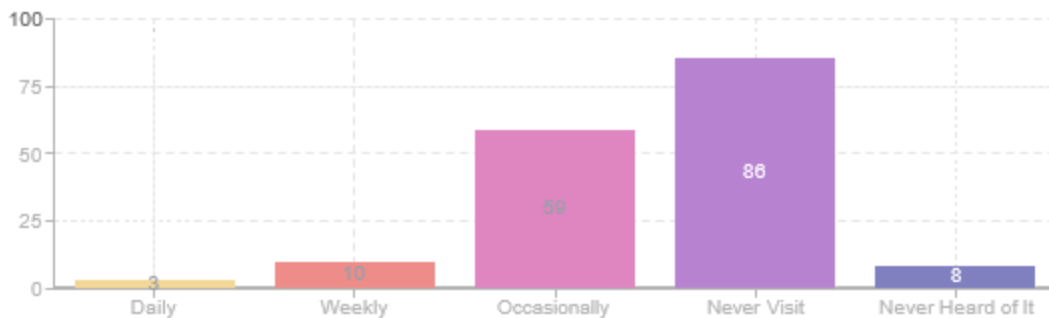
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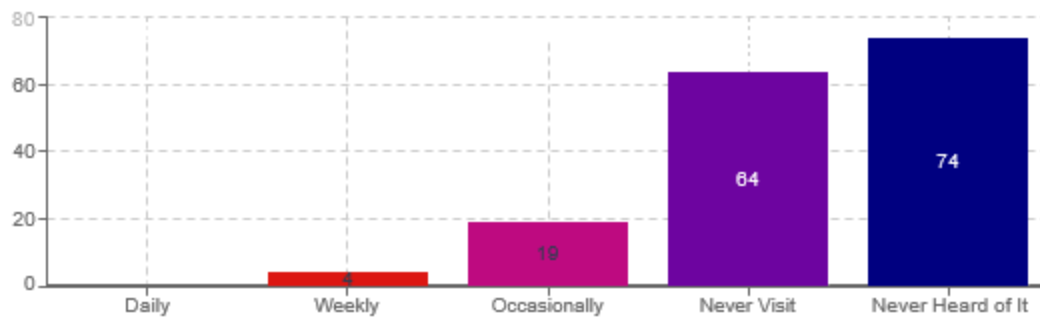
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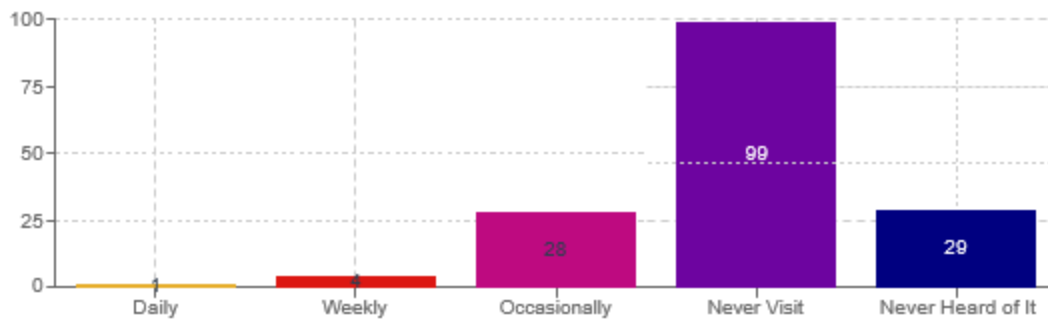
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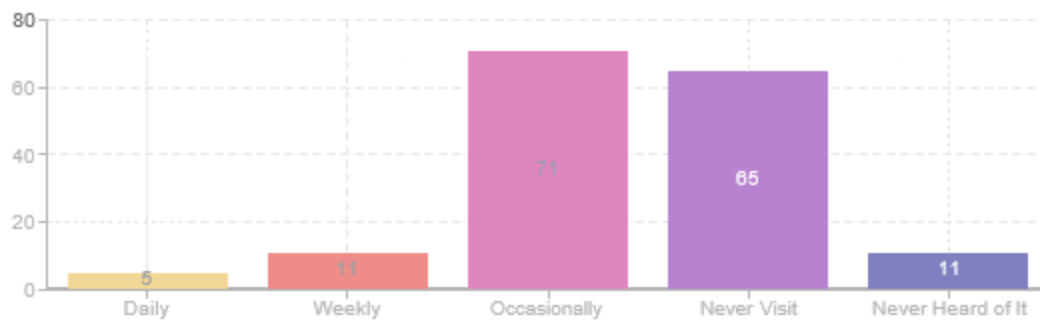
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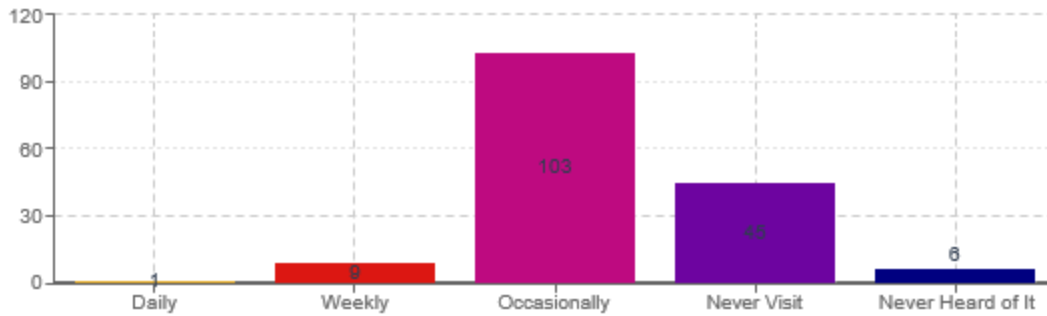
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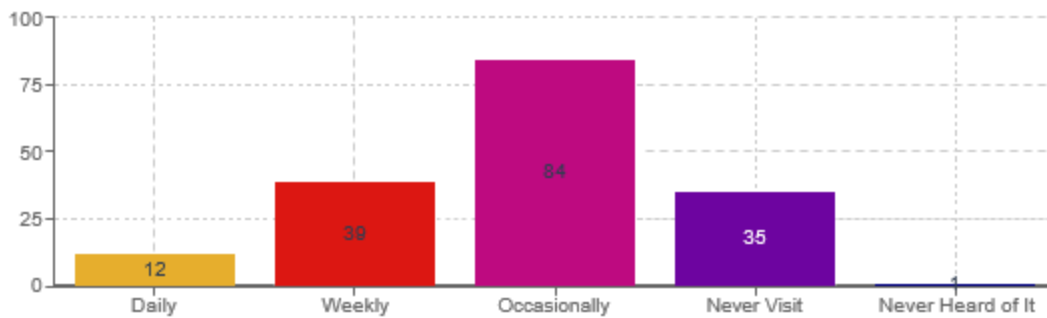
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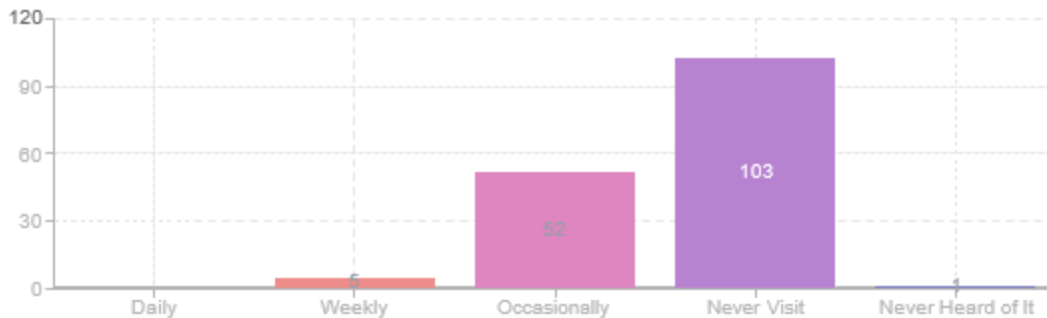
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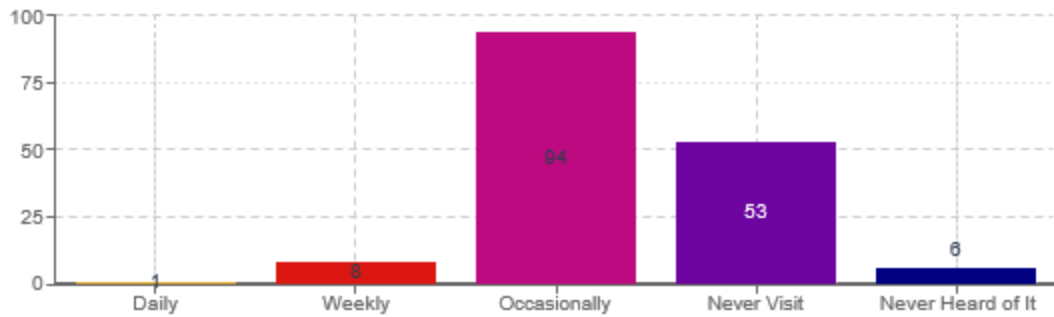
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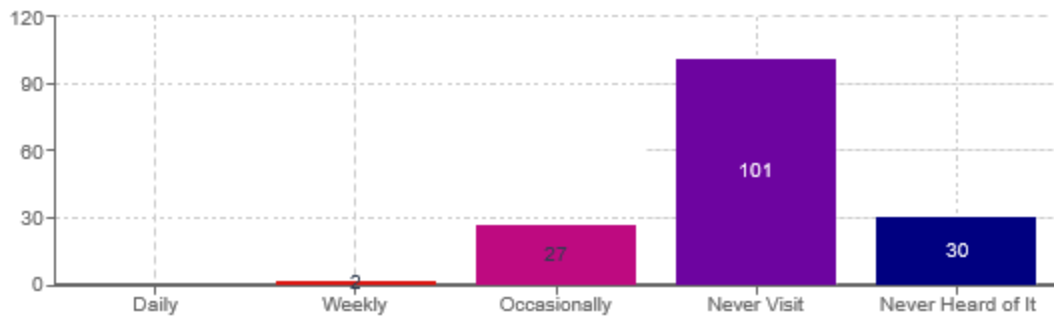
Warren Municipal Pool (Question 2 How often do you or members of your household use City parks and recreation facilities?)



Washington Park (Question 2 How often do you or members of your household use City parks and recreation facilities?)



Wetmore Park (Question 2 How often do you or members of your household use City parks and recreation facilities?)



Appendix C

Stakeholder Interviews

WARREN CITY OF WARREN STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

- 1. Do you feel that residents in the city are currently well-served by parks and recreation?**

Yes	<u>23</u>	Middle	<u>1</u>	No	<u>2</u>
		People don't take advantage of			<u>3</u>
		Could be better			<u>2</u>
		Equipment is old			
		Haven't had an administration to figure out what people need			
		Improving			
		Disabled programs needed			
		Basically			
		Minimal			
		Not full satisfaction, but not poorly			
		Adequate			

- 2. Have you, your family, your organization used any of the city owned park(s) in the City of Warren?**

- a. Which park(s) and what facilities did you use in the park(s)**

1) Art Kelsey Park		
2) Beaty Park	<u>10</u>	
a) Playgrounds		<u>8</u>
b) Restrooms		<u>1</u>
c) Field		<u>1</u>
3) Betts Park	<u>25</u>	
a) Ballfields		<u>12</u>
b) Boat Launch		<u>4</u>
c) Activities		<u>8</u>
d) Trail		<u>6</u>
e) Playgrounds		<u>3</u>
f) Picture taking		<u>1</u>
g) Cross Country skiing		<u>1</u>
h) Geocaching		<u>1</u>
i) Tennis		<u>2</u>
j) Pavilions		<u>5</u>
k) Basketball Court		<u>1</u>
l) Demonstration Garden		<u>1</u>

m) Bocce		<u>1</u>
4) Breeze Point Landing	<u>2</u>	
a) Kayaking instruction		<u>1</u>
5) Celeron Park	<u>1</u>	
6) Clemens Park		
7) Crescent Park	<u>8</u>	

8) Defrees Park	<u>3</u>	
a) Playground		<u>3</u>
b) Fitness Equipment		<u>1</u>
9) Joseph Warren Park	<u>2</u>	
10) Lacey Park	<u>6</u>	
a) Playground		<u>3</u>
b) Ballfield		<u>1</u>
11) Morck Park	<u>1</u>	
12) Mulberry Park	<u>3</u>	
a) Playground		<u>1</u>
b) Sled riding		<u>1</u>
13) PA Avenue West Greenway	<u>2</u>	
14) Point Park	<u>6</u>	
a) Pool		<u>2</u>
b) River cleanup		<u>2</u>
c) Playground		<u>1</u>
15) Soldiers & Sailors Park	<u>3</u>	
a) Launch point		<u>1</u>
b) Wellness Walk		<u>1</u>
c) Music in the Park		<u>2</u>
16) The Point Fountain Area		
17) Warren Bike Trail	<u>7</u>	
18) Washington Park	<u>5</u>	
19) "Walkable Warren"	<u>3</u>	
20) Wetmore Park		

3. Have you, your family, or your organization used any other park or recreation facilities in the City of Warren? (Carbon Park, War Memorial Field, YMCA, School facilities, etc.)

YMCA	<u>20</u>
War Memorial Field	<u>14</u>
School	<u>3</u>
Carbon Park	<u>3</u>
Jefferson Defrees Center	<u>1</u>

4. Have you, your family, or your organization participated in any programs at any of these facilities?

a. What programs?

Betts Fireworks	<u>2</u>
Betts Ball games	<u>3</u>

Betts Touch-a-Truck
Betts 4th of July
Betts Tennis

3
8
2

Betts Parties	<u>1</u>
Betts Senior Games	<u>1</u>
Chapman Dam programs	<u>7</u>
Jake's Rocks	<u>1</u>
Mental Health Presentation	<u>1</u>
Cross Country Skiing Instruction	<u>1</u>
Sheffield Johnny Appleseed Festival	<u>1</u>
Tidioute Fishing Tournament	<u>1</u>
County Fair	<u>3</u>
Soldiers & Sailors	<u>1</u>
Tango Race	<u>2</u>
Wellness Fair	<u>1</u>
Career Fairs	<u>1</u>
Stream cleanup	<u>1</u>
Live Strong – YMCA	<u>1</u>
Bowling	<u>1</u>
Lacey Playground	<u>1</u>
Events	<u>2</u>
Sensory Playground involvement	<u>1</u>
Trail Festival	<u>2</u>
Silver Sneakers	<u>1</u>
Penny Pines	<u>1</u>
Four Flags – Crescent Park	<u>1</u>
Music in the Park	<u>1</u>
Youngsville YMCA snack program	<u>1</u>
Brokenstraw swimming lessons	<u>1</u>
Halloween Parties	<u>1</u>
Easter Egg Hunt	<u>1</u>
Geocaching	<u>2</u>
Conservation District programs	<u>1</u>
Fundraising – Sugar Grove, Youngsville	<u>1</u>
Sugar Grove Memorial presentation	<u>1</u>
Sheffield programs	<u>1</u>
Women Outdoors Workshop	<u>1</u>
Bat Box Program	<u>1</u>
Marathon	<u>1</u>
Birthday parties – Crescent Park	<u>1</u>
Youth Football	<u>1</u>
Facilitate programs	<u>1</u>
Fairgrounds programs	<u>1</u>

5. What age groups appear to be best recreationally served and least served in the city?

Age Group	Best Served	Least Served
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0-5	4	1
6-12	22	1
13-18	4	7

19-39	1	5
40-59	1	2
60 and Older	2	10
Not Sure	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
Special Needs		<u>2</u>
Equitable Distribution		<u>1</u>
Vets		<u>1</u>

6. What future park facilities would you like to see developed in the city?

Disc Golf	<u>3</u>
Kayak Launches	<u>6</u>
More Sports Facilities - non-ball	<u>2</u>
Tennis/improve	<u>2</u>
Splash Pad	<u>2</u>
Riverfront Development - access	<u>9</u>
Docks, tourism, more shops, ice cream parlors	
Zipline	<u>1</u>
Climbing	<u>2</u>
More hiking trails with historical signage	<u>1</u>
Educational Kayaking Kiosk	<u>1</u>
Sensory Park	<u>7</u>
Crescent Park – more flowering trees	<u>1</u>
Betts – Recreation Building	<u>2</u>
Water Rescue	<u>1</u>
Handicap Fishing Pier	<u>1</u>
Walkable Warren Loop/expand	<u>2</u>
Walking bridge over Conewango	<u>1</u>
Develop Point Park	<u>1</u>
Miracle field	<u>1</u>
Bike skills park – pump track	<u>3</u>
Senior friendly parks - exercise	<u>1</u>
Concentric circles	<u>1</u>
Special needs facilities	<u>2</u>
More development at Point Park	<u>1</u>
Safe bike path through town	<u>1</u>
Extend River Walk	<u>1</u>
Expand river features	<u>1</u>
Walking path along water	<u>1</u>
Crescent Park expand lighted path to nature area	<u>1</u>
Update playgrounds	<u>1</u>
Educational sites – interactive garden items	<u>1</u>
Gaga Pit	<u>1</u>
Not much room – a lot provided	<u>1</u>
Improve Betts Park playgrounds	<u>1</u>
Outdoor music venue	<u>1</u>

Restroom facilities	<u>1</u>
Healing garden – Crescent Park	<u>1</u>
Labyrinth – Crescent Park	<u>1</u>

Expand parks – east of refinery	<u>1</u>
Clear & plant brownfields	<u>1</u>
Better field maintenance	<u>1</u>
Replace Lacey Park ballfield	<u>1</u>
Green space	<u>1</u>
Small garden plots	<u>1</u>

7. What future program opportunities would you like to see initiated in the city?

Sport's alternatives	<u>2</u>
Get kids minds outside	<u>1</u>
Creative skills	<u>1</u>
Nature programs	<u>3</u>
Geocache	<u>1</u>
Compass orientation	<u>1</u>
Teen programs	<u>1</u>
Free programs	<u>1</u>
Reduced vendor rates	<u>1</u>
Crescent Park Brochure	<u>1</u>
More marketing of programs	<u>2</u>
Bocce court programs	<u>1</u>
Things that bring people out – food, music, Theater, arts, entertainment	<u>1</u>
Hard to get number of users	<u>1</u>
1 st Friday – varies	<u>1</u>
Wellness Initiatives	<u>1</u>
Historical Walks/programs	<u>3</u>
Architecture Walks	<u>1</u>
More sensory things	<u>1</u>
Educational	<u>2</u>
Technological	<u>1</u>
Outdoor Recreation/education	<u>2</u>
Water programs	<u>1</u>
Biking	<u>1</u>
Controlled events	<u>1</u>
Entry level bike skills program	<u>1</u>
City Festivals/races	<u>1</u>
More for seniors	<u>1</u>
Disc golf	<u>1</u>
Handball	<u>1</u>
Pickleball	<u>1</u>
Conservation District educational programs	<u>2</u>
Urban gardening	
Tree planting	
Programs at pool for seniors	<u>2</u>

Continue playground program	<u>1</u>
Special needs programs	<u>1</u>
Outdoor music	<u>1</u>

Story Boards along trail	<u>1</u>
Have a lot but need to do better	<u>1</u>
Programs on changing weather	<u>1</u>
Financial management classes	<u>1</u>
Community gardens	<u>1</u>
Winter events/sports	<u>1</u>
Teen programs	<u>1</u>

8. In your opinion, what key issues are hampering the development of parks and recreation opportunities in the city?

1) Funding	<u>15</u>
2) What needs to be done	<u>1</u>
3) Maintenance	<u>3</u>
4) Accessibility	<u>1</u>
5) Low income	<u>1</u>
6) Advertising/marketing	<u>4</u>
7) Revitalization – new thinking	<u>4</u>
8) Kid's passive entertainment	<u>1</u>
9) Plans	<u>1</u>
10) Signage	<u>1</u>
11) Apathy	<u>2</u>
12) Resistance to change	<u>1</u>
13) Work together & agree	<u>3</u>
14) Get everyone on same page	<u>1</u>
15) Have conversations	<u>1</u>
16) Staffing	<u>2</u>
17) Leadership	<u>1</u>
18) Volunteers	<u>4</u>
19) Mentality Warren is dying area	<u>1</u>
20) Willing & desire	<u>1</u>
21) City Council veto's things – public vote	<u>1</u>
22) Hard to manage all parks	<u>1</u>
23) Getting grants	<u>1</u>
24) Length of time to get something done	<u>1</u>
25) Transportation	<u>2</u>
26) Other commitments	<u>1</u>
27) Fighting within	<u>1</u>
28) Space for development	<u>2</u>
29) Public involvement	<u>2</u>
30) Bad blood between City & County	<u>1</u>
31) Weather	<u>1</u>
32) Time	<u>1</u>
33) Traditionalists don't want to see dev.	<u>1</u>
34) Use fees	<u>1</u>
35) Parking	<u>1</u>

9. Do you feel that partnerships are vital in today's economy to help reduce the financial burden in providing quality recreation programs?

27 Very Important 3 Important _____ Somewhat Important _____ Not Important

Communication is key

10. Have you or your organization partnered with the city or county to improve recreation in the region?

28 Yes 2 No - keep trying

If so, how?

River Cleanup	<u>3</u>
Pool	<u>1</u>
Activities	<u>2</u>
Shared services	<u>1</u>
Leadership	<u>1</u>
Mt. Bike Trail	<u>2</u>
Publicity	<u>1</u>
Financially	<u>1</u>
Bird Viewing Platform	<u>1</u>
Outdoor Club maintains trail	<u>1</u>
Hike/bike path	<u>2</u>
Easter Egg Hunt	<u>1</u>
Sensory Playground	<u>1</u>
Snowmobile loop	<u>1</u>
Act quicker on requests	<u>1</u>
Area behind Allegheny Community Center	<u>1</u>
Boat launch improvement	<u>1</u>
Snowmobile trails on roads	<u>1</u>
Run pool	<u>1</u>
Demonstration Gardens	<u>1</u>
Farm Colony fields	<u>1</u>
Summer playground program	<u>1</u>

11. Would you/your organization be willing to partner with the city/county in the development of the future of recreation in the region?

30 Yes _____ No

If yes, in what way would you be willing to partner?

Create cooperation & energy	<u>----1---</u>
Based on needs of community	<u>----1---</u>
Recreation development	<u>----1---</u>

Partner with County on equestrian trail
ANF & Corps Information Center run down
Information spots

----1---

----1---

----1---

Planning projects	<u>----1---</u>
Would like to with YMCA, City Council, County	<u>----1---</u>
Replace baseball field	<u>----1---</u>
Bike Track	<u>----1---</u>
Help engage people with senior activities	<u>----1---</u>
Educational programs	<u>2</u>
Library	<u>----1---</u>
Pulse on grants	<u>----1---</u>
Promote camp	<u>----1---</u>
Cross country skiing, biking, and equestrian trails	<u>----1---</u>

12. Does your organization offer any recreation programming and/or provide any recreation facilities?

Yes 28 No 2

Fitness center	<u>----1---</u>
Wellness classes	<u>3</u>
Day care	<u>----1---</u>
AA meetings	<u>----1---</u>
Meeting rooms	<u>----1---</u>
Rentals	<u>----1---</u>
Private play area	<u>----1---</u>
Gym	<u>----1---</u>
Pickleball	<u>----1---</u>
Relief from Grief	<u>----1---</u>
Educational & recreational opportunities	<u>----1---</u>
Moments on Target	<u>----1---</u>
Interpretive programs	<u>----1---</u>
Camping	<u>----1---</u>
Hunting	<u>----1---</u>
Fishing	<u>----1---</u>
Winterfest	<u>----1---</u>
Snowmobiling	<u>----1---</u>
Trails	<u>----1---</u>
Blood Drives	<u>----1---</u>
Book/craft sales	<u>----1---</u>
Guided hikes	<u>-1---</u>
Backpacking	<u>----1---</u>
Boating	<u>----1---</u>
Instruction	<u>----1---</u>
Safety	<u>----1---</u>
Photography classes	<u>----1---</u>
Wilderness planning	<u>----1---</u>
Workshop room	<u>----1---</u>
Apply for grants	<u>----1---</u>

Publish weekly activities
Track meets
Baseball/Softball

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2

Basketball	----1---
Roller skating	----1---
Power lifting	----1---
Bowling	----1---
Canoe/kayak races	----1---
Mt. Bike Festival	----1---
Softball Tournament	----1---
Blues Festival	----1---
Archery Tournament	----1---
Road Cycling Races	----1---
Sled dog race	----1---
Snowmobile safety instructor/classes	2
Warren County Winterfest	----1---
Trail Advisory & maintenance	----1---
Educating folks on trails	----1---
Partner with land management	----1---
Senior activities & facility	----1---
Hatch Run Conservation Demonstration Area	----1---
Conservation Camp	----1---
Adult conservation programs	----1---
Walk in Penns Woods in October	----1---
Crafting	----1---
STEM	----1---
Santa program	----1---
Rent Camp Olmstead out to other scout groups & 4-H	----1---
Make water trail available	----1---
Hunting	----1---
Bird watching	----1---
Connector snowmobile trail	----1---
YMCA runs many programs	----1---
Yoga	----1---
Zumba	----1---
Seed swaps	----1---
Grafting classes	----1---
Farmers market	----1---
Science fun	----1---
Bird curriculum	----1---
Entomology	----1---
County Fair	----1---
Holiday camping	----1---
Cruise in Craft Show	----1---
Wild Wind Folk Festival	----1---
Soccer	----1---

13. Does your organization have any future plans for developing any recreational

facilities or programs, or any plans for acquisition of additional property?

Property Acquisition

Yes 3

No 21

Not aware of			
Depends on availability – PA Game Commission			
Have considered – Warren Snowmobile Club			
Sheffield expansion - YMCA			
Developing facilities or programs	Yes	<u>26</u>	No <u>4</u>
Always looking for opportunities		<u>2</u>	
Floating docks		<u>---1---</u>	
Site for disc golf		<u>---1---</u>	
More primitive campsites		<u>---1---</u>	
Equestrian program		<u>---1---</u>	
ATV trails		<u>---1---</u>	
Link trails together		<u>---1---</u>	
Multiuse facilities		<u>---1---</u>	
5K Run		<u>---1---</u>	
Weight Loss		<u>---1---</u>	
Wellness Run		<u>---1---</u>	
Diabetes Education Program		<u>---1---</u>	
Add new programs yearly		<u>---1---</u>	
Provide services		<u>---1---</u>	
Offer more sports		<u>---1---</u>	
Baseball miracle field		<u>---1---</u>	
Jake's Rock Trail expansion		<u>---1---</u>	
Food Truck Festival		<u>---1---</u>	
Create fairs/festivals/events		<u>---1---</u>	
Gravel Grind bike events		<u>---1---</u>	
Expand trail festival		<u>---1---</u>	
Develop skills track in city- pump track		<u>---1---</u>	
Expand area behind Allegheny Community Center – need for seniors – not pump			
Track		<u>---1---</u>	
Possible new programs		<u>---1---</u>	
Monument in Tidioute		<u>---1---</u>	
Revolutionary War Soldiers		<u>---1---</u>	
Whitestone Cemetery		<u>---1---</u>	
Story trail		<u>---1---</u>	
Exercise in reading		<u>---1---</u>	
Bikes & books		<u>---1---</u>	
Bring your own device – trouble shooting program`		<u>---1---</u>	
Work with high school education courses		<u>---1---</u>	
Yoga		<u>---1---</u>	
CPR		<u>---1---</u>	
Excel classes		<u>---1---</u>	
Mt. bike trail at Camp Olmstead		<u>---1---</u>	
Cross Country Trail at Camp Olmstead		<u>---1---</u>	
Add ADA facility		<u>---1---</u>	
Offer water safety instruction		<u>---1---</u>	
More activities at Island Park		<u>---1---</u>	
New adult programs		<u>---1---</u>	

Beehive program	<u>----1---</u>
Community garden program	<u>----1---</u>
Expand awareness of Master Gardeners	<u>----1---</u>

Upgrade existing ballfields	<u>----1---</u>
Install playground – Farm Colony	<u>----1---</u>
Support those offering educational programs	<u>----1---</u>
Tournaments	<u>----1---</u>

14. Do you feel that children are not using playgrounds less than they use too? Why?

Sometimes yes, sometimes no

Yes	<u>27</u>	
Location of parks		<u>1</u>
Need to update to maintain interest		<u>3</u>
Exercise near playground		<u>1</u>
Technology		<u>21</u>
Children don't get outside as much		<u>3</u>
People live in fear - safety		<u>11</u>
Multitude of other activities		<u>4</u>
Parents not as active		<u>1</u>
Something more active		<u>1</u>
Vandalism		<u>1</u>
Culture – kids geared differently		<u>4</u>
Driven more by structured programs		<u>1</u>
Lack of freedom		<u>1</u>
Kids are not as active		<u>2</u>
Parents working – don't have time		<u>5</u>
Out of touch with nature		<u>1</u>
Parents & children removed from nature		<u>1</u>
Not motivated		<u>1</u>
Have facilities at home		<u>1</u>

No	<u>2</u>	
Visit 2-3 time a week		
Children use Crescent, Beatty, & Lacy for summer lunch program		
Not Sure	<u>1</u>	

15. What would encourage you, your family, or your organization to come to a park more often and stay at the park for longer periods of time?

Multiply well rounded facilities	<u>2</u>
Disc Golf	<u>1</u>
Tetherball	<u>1</u>
Things of interest to do	<u>7</u>
Transportation	<u>2</u>
Splash pad	<u>1</u>
Lower cost of park use	<u>4</u>
Appropriate facilities & activities	<u>3</u>
More Restrooms	<u>4</u>

Bigger playgrounds	<u>2</u>
Climbing areas	<u>1</u>
Publicity/marketing	<u>2</u>

Large pavilions	<u>1</u>
Recreation Building – Betts	<u>1</u>
Camping in park	<u>1</u>
Welcoming atmosphere	<u>1</u>
Swimming pool	<u>1</u>
Better maintenance	<u>3</u>
Better equipment	<u>1</u>
Lights	<u>1</u>
Easy access	<u>1</u>
More activities	<u>1</u>
Renovations	<u>2</u>
Larger trail system	<u>2</u>
Amenities that cater to different things –family biking	<u>1</u>
Resort at Kinzua	<u>1</u>
Hiking trails	<u>2</u>
More planned events	<u>1</u>
Live music	<u>1</u>
Amphitheater – Bandstand	<u>1</u>
Having the time	<u>2</u>
Weather conditions	<u>2</u>
Location	<u>1</u>
Grass mowed more often	<u>1</u>
Safety issues	<u>1</u>
Cleanliness	<u>1</u>
Appearance	<u>1</u>

16. What support facilities do you feel are important in a park? (Restrooms, water fountains, benches, picnic tables, concession stand, Etc.)

Restrooms	<u>28</u>
Water Fountains	<u>16</u>
Benches	<u>17</u>
Picnic Tables	<u>12</u>
Grills	<u>12</u>
Safety	<u>1</u>
Shade	<u>1</u>
Waste Stations	<u>1</u>
Concession stand	<u>1</u>
ADA access	<u>3</u>
Trash cans	<u>3</u>
Pavilions	<u>5</u>
Good walking surfaces for all	<u>1</u>
Current & functionally maintained	<u>2</u>
Change areas/shower	<u>1</u>
Places to stay	<u>1</u>
Electric	<u>1</u>
Parking	<u>2</u>

Access to firewood for camping
Free WiFi access
Playgrounds

1
1
1

Gazebos
Green space

1
1

17. Where do you see the community being in the area of parks and recreation in the next five to ten years?

Encourage kids to be outside	----1---
Exercise	----1---
Trying to do a lot to improve	----1---
Will be good	----1---
Moving forward	3
Doing more	2
Bike/Hike	----1---
Mt. Biking	----1---
Potential for improvement	4
More general development & recreation development	----1---
Optimistic	----1---
Crawl phase	----1---
Institute fundamentals of plan	----1---
In trouble without more usage	----1---
No change	2
Hope to get better/improve	----1---
Good things/ideas happening	2
Maintain existing facilities	----1---
Utilize open space	----1---
Won't have the level as now	----1---
Lack of proper maintenance & resources	----1---
Depends on who gets elected	----1---
More funding	----1---
On verge of great development	----1---
Community benefit	----1---
Tourism increase	----1---
City Council needs to ask what people want	----1---
Public opinion is important	----1---
Think about the park fees	----1---
Excellent progress	----1---
More done with Kinzua – more recreation, develop resort	----1---
Stronger foothold on recreation	----1---
Cross communication of things going on	----1---
Where they are now, hopefully with progress	3
Very slow improvement in water trails	----1---
More facilities along water trails – launches, showers, restrooms	----1---
Support growing	----1---
Utilized less do to the interests of younger generation	----1---
Funding drying up	----1---
Need support	----1---
Private growing	----1---

Not sure about follow through

---1---

18. Comments/ Recommendations/Suggestions

More parks for sensory equipment	----1---
Snake signs	----1---
More swings	----1---
Inclusive parks/facilities	----1---
Areas for families to get outside	----1---
Finding more instructors to offer more programs	----1---
Try to keep rates low	----1---
How city charges for “Food Licenses” cost too high	----1---
Getting people to want to come	----1---
Rock climbing business coming in future	1
TAWC – good transportation service for older adults	----1---
Conservation District programs	2
Allegheny Outfitters back packing program	----1---
Boy Scout Camp underutilized	----1---
Brochures	----1---
Tai Chi	----1---
Cooking Demonstrations	----1---
Geocache classes introduction to	----1---
Chapman Dam workshop	----1---
Forest Management studies at Buckloons	----1---
Community service	----1---
Strengthen existing things	----1---
Rehab of overall – work with partners	----1---
Ice skating rink	----1---
Reach specific demographic	----1---
Poverty lines – need transportation	----1---
Work on trying to improve & maintain	----1---
Bathrooms need attention	----1---
Limited in basketball	----1---
Indoor courts	----1---
Indoor facility	----1---
Community garden – seniors	----1---
More help	----1---
Budgets to allow development	----1---
Encourage people to take advantage of what’s there	----1---
Kinzua Resort	----1---
Better commuting facilities	----1---
Use river for more recreation	----1---
Too much regulation	----1---
Use to be a County Recreation Director	----1---
Parks are lovely	----1---
Can see potential as recreation area providing jobs and activities	----1---
Flexibility	----1---
Businesses “Adopt-A-Park”	----1---
10 Commandment Walk – walking to different churches – historic ethnic	----1---

QR codes along trails
More cooperation between agencies
Get people informed of things available

----1---
----1---
----1---

Brewery along river
Promote tourism
Keep up with maintenance
Address drainage issues
Better marketing

----1---
----1---
----1---
----1---
----1---

Appendix D

Park Matrix

ART KELSEYPARK - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Park Sign	Overhead routed wood painted with beige border and letters & brown background		Excellent	All	N/A	
Small Open Area	Concrete area between two buildings	Lighted area; 4 black metal benched; ginkgo trees; concrete planters with flowers; raised planter with boxwood; water valve for streetscape; fountain	Excellent	All	Yes	Named after long time Public Works Employee; kiosks coming to park
Pavilion	15' x 21'	Lighted; 6 electrical outlets; colored concrete floor; shingle roof; vinyl post covers	Excellent	All	Yes	
Liberty Street Parking	Paid parking area	Parking area serving business & park	Good	All	Yes	Parking lot can be rented from the City for events – Rally in the Valley scheduled here

BEATY PARK - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Park Sign	Routed wood painted with beige border and letters & brown background		Excellent	All	N/A	
Parking	Paved	2 handicap parking spaces with signs; regular parking on street with wood posts & chains between; steep double concrete steps to street parking; ADA access to top of steps with a pad	Good	All	Yes	Handicap pavement signs faded - repaint
Walking Trail	Crushed limestone	Indian Hollow Flood Protection Project adjacent to part of trail; Conewango Creek along part; pet waste station; bulletin board	Fair	All	Yes	Trail needs some improvements; ensure all parts of trail meet ADA specifications
Restrooms	Decorative block building	Men's – urinal, commode, sink, hand sanitizer, hand towel dispenser, trash can; Women's – 2 commodes, sink, hand sanitizer, hand towel dispenser, trash can; water fountain with spigot	Good	All	Yes	Ladies restroom need new sign
Playground		Concrete walkway to playground; plastic border; wood play structure – slide, climber, crawl tube, decks, bubble; engineered wood fiber surfacing; 2 climbers; arch; hanging bar; whirl pole; swing set – 8' two bay with 3 belt seats & one infant/toddler seat	Good	2 – 5 5 - 12	Yes	Playground program held here; grant written to replace wood play structure; rust on hanging bar; place swing mats under swings; address water issue at playground entrance
Playground	Free standing equipment	Whirl – plastic border, engineered wood fiber surfacing; trash receptacle; swing – 8' one bay with infant/toddler seats; 4 benches; 4 seat see-saw; digger; 6' metal slide	Fair	5 - 12	No	Provide ADA access to all equipment when updating; place proper surfacing under all equipment;
Pavilion	24' x 36'	Block pillars; concrete floor; shingle roof; 2- 8' picnic tables chained down; trash receptacle; spotlights both ends	Good	All	Yes	Install ADA table Graffiti on pavilion; branches on roof
Volleyball	Grass	Posts	Fair	Youth to adult	No	
T-ball field	Grass	Backstop	Fair	Youth	No	Very little use
Skate Park	Concrete	Sign; 13 different challenges; gate; 6' capped fence; lighted – 4 light standards with two lights each; trash receptacle & 55 gallon trash can; bench outside entrance	Good	Youth to adult	Yes	Replace sign; repair bench – missing arm, need new seat & backboard
Basketball Court	Full size court	Color coated – blue, white lines, green border; 10' fence; 2 post with glass backboards baskets & cloth nets; 2 light standards; 2 benches outside gate; 2 trash receptacles	Excellent	Youth to adult	Yes	
Tennis Courts	Regulation courts	Three courts with one overlaid with 2 pickleball courts; color coated – blue, white lines, green border, yellow lines for pickleball; 9 light standards; 10' fence; 2 benches	Excellent	Youth to adult	Yes	
Open Grass Area		3 benches on concrete pads; one bench – Memorial bench & tree for Recreation Board member	Good	All	No	
Natural Trail	Dirt	Traverses along the Conewango Creek	Fair	Youth to adult	No	Many exposed roots causing potential trip hazard

BEATY WARREN MIDDLE SCHOOL - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Entrance	Steep incline to field	Gravel road to parking on a grass area	Fair	All	No	
Natural Trail	Dirt trail	Follows along the Conewango Creek & extends into the natural trail in Beaty Park	Fair	Youth to adult	No	Many exposed roots create trip hazards
Football Field	Regulation field	2 goal posts; 5 seat 15' aluminum bleacher with railing; 2 – 5 seat 15' aluminum bleachers without railings; storage shed; football equipment; trailer; crushed limestone track around field	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA access; improve track – remove grass growing on the track

BETTS PARK - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Park Sign	Routed wood painted with beige border and letters & brown background	Large Welcome Clifford R. Betts Park	Excellent	All	N/A	
Entrance Road & Parking Area	Paved	Street light & multiple electrical outlets adjacent to parking lot; unlined; large bulletin board; wood trash receptacle; dumpster enclosure	Excellent	All	Yes	Paint lines on parking lot; Use to runway for airport
Bocce Courts	Warren Bocce 1990	2 handicap parking spaces with proper signage; Sign; Double bocce court with 3 – 8’ wood benches; single bocce court with 2 – 6’ benches & 1 – 8’ bench; lighted courts; storage shed; water fountain with spigot; Warren Bocce Sign coordinated with other signage	Good	Youth to adult	No	Single bocce court full of grass & weeds; provide ADA access; install ADA table
Pavilion	18’ by 36’	8 – 8’ wood/metal picnic tables; reservation box; shingle roof; wood posts; concrete floor; lighted; two electrical outlets; grill; 2 – 55 gallon trash cans; serving table	Good	All	No	Adjacent to bocce court; light switch needs repaired; provide ADA access
Open Grass Area		Adjacent to bocce pavilion; shed at far end	Good	All	No	Remove dead branches on trees
Betts Landing 2007	Boat launch	Asphalt entrance road with concrete strips at ramp into river; 2 benches; lighted; boat launch sign – routed wood with blue border and letter & brown background	Good	All	No	Ensure launch is handicap accessible
Walking Trail	Granular Limestone	Located along Allegheny River; benches; bulletin board; tree planter; dog waste station	Good	All	Yes	Possibly construct handicap fishing pier along trail close to gazebo ; waste station basket rusting at bottom
Trail Gazebo	10’ structure with river view	Composite floor; vinyl posts & railing, shingles; cupola; round picnic table with seats on 3 sides & handicap open on 4 th side	Excellent	All	Yes	
Open Grass Area		Grill; variety of trees	Good	All	No	
Betts Pavilion	27’ x 45’	6 – 6’ picnic tables; 9 – 8’ picnic tables; 2 handicap parking spaces with proper signage; concrete walkway from parking area; double grill; stone water fountain; arched ceiling; shingle roof; wood posts; concrete floor; 55 gallon trash cans; composite bench on concrete pad; Memorial Stone with plaque for Clifford R. Betts – landscaped	Good	All	Yes	Bench not ADA accessible; install ADA table in pavilion
Restroom	Decorative block structure	Men’s – urinal, commode, sink, hand sanitizer, hand towel dispenser, trash can; Women’s – 2 commodes, sink, hand sanitizer, hand towel dispenser, trash can; water fountain with spigot	Good	All	Yes	
Playground	Gametime/ Kidtime	Plastic border; play structure – 5 slides, crawl tube, decks with various symbols, steps bubbles; engineered wood fiber surfacing; bench on concrete pad	Fair	2 - 5	No	Provide ADA access; replace slide mat with corner torn off; weeds in engineered wood fiber surfacing; structure very faded
Charlie Musante Baseball Field	L- 198’, C- 207’, R - 204’	20’ high backstop; 2 – 4 seat aluminum bleachers & 2 – 5 seat aluminum bleachers with rails on concrete pads; 55 gallon trash cans; grass infield; 8’ fence to end of 1 st & 3 rd bases; 5’ fence with cap sidelines & outfield; 3 aluminum player benches; recognition stone	Good	Youth to adult	No	Charlie Musante – policeman & founder of Hot Stove League 1949; grass in baselines; left field player bench leaning- reattach; provide ADA access
Open Field	Grass	Flag football	Good	Youth to adult	No	Provide ADA access

Nicholas A. Creola, Sr. Gazebo	15'	4 handicap parking spaces with signage; concrete walkway to gazebo; concrete floor; round table in center with 3 seat & handicap opening; crushed limestone walkway around gazebo with 4 benches and landscaping; ADA accessible granite water fountain; small bulletin board; flag pole with large flag; water fountain with spigot	Good	All	Yes	Spigot leaking on water fountain; handicap pavement
Grass Field	Behind gazebo	2 – 5 seat aluminum bleachers with rails; one 4 seat aluminum bleacher	Good	All	No	Use to be part of a ballfield
Willard “Oaks” Foley Softball Field	L – 264' C – 272' R – 285'	One handicap parking space with sign; 2 – 5 seat 15' aluminum bleachers on concrete pad; extra concrete pad; 5' capped fence left field line & outfield; 4' capped fence right field; backstop; dirt infield; 4 wood player benches; lighted; water fountain	Good	Youth to adult	No	Add pavement marking for handicap parking space; provide ADA access
Basketball Court	End of parking lot	Asphalt; lighted; posts; glass backboards; baskets with cloth nets; storage sheds	Good	All	Yes	Separated from parking lot by jersey barriers; paint lines on court
Playground	GameTime/ KidTime	Plastic border; geodome; engineered wood fiber surfacing; play structure - 5 slides, crawl tube, decks with various symbols, steps, 2 bubbles; slide mat	Good	2 - 5	No	Provide ADA access; structure fading
Playground	Free Standing Equipment	2 benches with concrete pad; overhead climbing bar; 6' spiral slide; T-swing with belt seats; spring see-saw; play structure – 3 slides, stairs, decks, 2 bubbles; Metal Memorial Bench – Rick Lodowski “LODO” with concrete pad	Good	5 - 12	No	Some surfacing under equipment but not adequate use zone; Provide ADA access & proper use zone when updating
River Walk Pavilion	18' x 36'	7 – 8' wood/metal picnic tables; 6 electrical outlets; reservation box; 2 grills; water fountain; 55 gallon trash can; shingle roof; wood posts; concrete floor with asphalt apron	Good	All	No	Provide ADA access; no parking area close to pavilion; no ADA tables
Clifford R. Betts Softball Field	L – 252' C – 252' R – 267'	2 handicap parking spaces with proper signage; 4 – 5 seat 15' aluminum bleachers on pads; 4 player benches with 6' fence around; 10' fence to 4' fence along baselines; 10' fence in outfield; backstop; 5 – 55 gallon trash cans; dirt infield; lighted; water fountain with spigot & hose; safety pitch; Vincent “Vinnie” Mossa Memorial Bench	Good	Youth to adult	No	Provide ADA access
Restrooms	Painted block	Men's – 2 urinals, commode, sink, hand sanitizer, hand towel dispenser, trash can; Women's – 3 commodes, sink, hand sanitizer, hand towel dispenser, 55 gallon trash can; storage area	Good	Youth to adult	Yes	
Harold Brown Softball Field	L – 258' C – 285' R – 255'	3 handicap parking spaces with proper signage; 4 – 5 seat 15' aluminum bleachers with rails & 3 on pads; 2 55 gallon trash cans; 2 player benches; backstop; 8' fence to 4' fence with cap; 6' outfield fence with cap; water fountain with spigot	Good	Youth to adult	No	Provide ADA access; construct concrete pad under 4 th bleacher; repair wet area near restrooms
Betts Park Tennis Court	4 courts	Parking area with one handicap parking space with proper signage; 3 storage sheds; 2 light standards; 6 benches; coin operated panel for lights; color coated – blue, white lines, green borders; 10' fencing on three sides; 4' fencing on parking lot side; 2 trash bin on parking lot fence; 5 gates; bulletin board	Good	Youth to adult	Yes	High School uses for home courts; one light standard missing a light
		Concrete walkway to restroom with bench; Men's – urinal, commode, sink, hand sanitizer, hand towel dispenser, trash can; Women's – 2				

Restrooms	Decorative block	commodes, sink, hand sanitizer, hand towel dispenser, electrical outlet	Good	All	No	Lip too high at entrance to restroom – repair to meet ADA requirements
Playground	Big Toys	Plastic border; play structure -spiral slide, decks, 2 climbers, overhead moving bar, roof with bench underneath, seat; engineered wood fiber surfacing	Good	5 - 12	Yes	
Road & Parking Area	Paved	2 handicap parking spaces with proper signage; wood posts with chains between along road & parking lot	Good	All	Yes	For playground, restroom DeFrees Pavilion; paint line on parking lot; 5' fence covered with grape vines , hedge bindweed, etc. ; remove dying green ash at parking lot entrance
DeFree's Pavilion	27' x 66'	5' concrete walkway to pavilion; Memorial stone; stone fountain; street light; reservation box; double grill; 5 – 55 gallon trash cans; 12 – 8' picnic tables; 4 – 6' picnic tables; concrete floor with asphalt apron; arched ceiling; wood posts; shingle roof; 2 double electrical outlets				One 8' picnic table needs seat replaced; wood support posts starting to rot at base; staples in tables
Penn State Master Gardner's Demonstration Garden	In Honor of Bill Blumquist	Pollinator garden; 2 archways; labeled plants; Stone fountain with spigot; bench with concrete pad; crushed limestone walkway to garden	Good	All	Yes	

BREEZE POINT LANDING - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Landing Sign	Routed wood painted with beige border and letters & brown background		Excellent	All	N/A	
Parking Area	Paved	One way into parking area; 4 handicap spaces; 14 regular spaces; 2 bike racks	Good	All	Yes	Handicap street markings faded; no handicap signs on posts
Concrete walkways		4 benches; interpretive kiosks; well landscaped along walkways; lighted area with 3 lights; composite deck on river overlook with railing; lower walkway 16' wide with light in retaining wall; metal railing along walkway; steps to lower walkway; trash receptacles; picnic table; port-a-john's; wooden steps to river bank	Excellent	All	Yes	Wood steps to river bank & retaining walls deteriorating;
Gazebo	36'	Lighted; 3 – 8' tables; 3 – 8' benches; 4 electrical outlets; concrete floor; metal posts; shingle roof with cupola; cigarette dispenser	Excellent	All	Yes	Two electrical outlets missing covers; install ADA table
Restrooms	Decorative Block Building	Lighted covered area outside restrooms with a bench; Men's – urinal, commode, sink, hand sanitizer, hand towel dispenser, trash can; Women's – 2 commodes, sink, hand sanitizer, hand towel dispenser, trash receptacle	Good	All	No	Large lip from concrete walkway into covered area prevents ADA access and creates a trip hazard; Men's & Ladies restroom signs could be better

CARBON PARK - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Ballfield	L -186' C – 198' R – 201'	4 – 5 seat 15' aluminum bleachers without railings; block dugouts; backstop with screening & pad; scoreboard; dirt infield; safety pitch; lighted; 8'fencing to 4' fencing; concession stand/announcers booth	Good	Youth	No	Grass/weeds under bleachers – should be on pads; infield covered with grass/weeds
Restrooms/ storage	Block building		Fair	All	No	Outer storage room door cover partially torn off; mem's/ ladies signs need replaced; sunken grates between restroom & pavilion create a hazardous condition
Pavilion		3 – 6' tables & 4 – 8' tables	Good	All	No	Metal roofing rusting
Volleyball Courts	2 grass courts	Posts	Fair	Youth to adult	No	No nets
Storage Shed	T-111 shed		Poor	Adults	No	Weeds surrounding shed
Batting Cages	2 attached net cages	27' x 54; rubber mat surfacing; 2 safety pitch; batter mats	Poor	Youth	No	Many weeds – not usable
Paved Area		Old basketball/old parking lot	Poor		No	Currently used for storage
T-ball Field	L -102' C – 156' R – 117'	Grass infield; straight backstop; 2 – 15' aluminum player benches	Good	Youth	No	

CELERON PARK - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Park Sign	Routed wood painted with beige border and letters & brown background		Excellent	All	N/A	
Grass Area	Triangular area	Open grass area with numerous large trees; flower beds; Community Greening Award 2008; brick walkway; sidewalks on 2 sides, water fountain; trash receptacle; Blue Star Memorial Sign; bench & kiosk	Excellent	All	No	
Stone Memorial	Plaque recognizing Joseph Celeron	Stone monument with plaque and landscaped around	Good	All	Yes	Power wash to clean

CLEMONS PARK - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Park Sign	Routed wood painted with beige border and letters & brown background		Excellent	All	N/A	
Open Grass Area	Passive recreation area	Concrete sidewalk along two sides, hedge row along one side, and a house on the 4 th side, well maintained lawn	Excellent	All	Only from sidewalk	
Picnic Table	Wood with metal frame		Good	Youth to Adult	No	Provide ADA access
Stone Memorial	Plaque recognizing Clemons Family	Stone monument with plaque and landscaped around	Good	All	Yes	Power wash to clean

CRESCENT PARK - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Park Sign	Routed wood painted with beige border and letters & brown background in a wooden frame with a shingle roof	Bench	Good	All	N/A	
Trail	Crushed stone with a brick loop at 4 flags	Many electrical outlets for River Fest Vendors; Heritage Point Plaque – 4 Flags (US, French, British, & Seneca Nation); pet waste station; old water pump; area established as an arboretum; many benches with concrete pads; lights; brick walkway along one section; large stone plaque-flag description; tree brochure boxes; 2 benches around trees; large stone with plaque (Home & Country 1913 one side & Pioneers plaque 1830 other side); Large Granite Memorial WWI (those that served, killed, or wounded); 6’aluminum bench swing; trash receptacle; 3 wood/metal picnic tables on pads; 2 wood picnic tables on pads; 8 grills	Good	All	Yes	Trail begins ¼ mile above bridge; a couple maples dying at top; 3 pads missing tables; trail ends at restrooms – want to continue trail to make a complete loop; Birdstone replica to be placed in Four Flags area; want to incorporate cemetery into trail
Water Fountain		Concrete circle around fountain with 4 benches; access from parking; one handicap parking space with sign; steps leading to river with concrete pad & two benches	Good	All	Yes	Add handicap pavement marking
Helipad		Helicopter landing pad, bike rack	Fair	N/A	N/A	Needs to be rebuilt - Hospital
Pavilion	24’ x 60’	Reservation box; 5 – regular 8’ tables; 2 handicap 8’ tables; 3 – 6’ tables; electric box behind pavilion; concrete floor; I-beam posts; flat metal roof; 2 grills; 55 gallon trash cans	Good	All	Yes	No designated handicap parking
Restrooms	Decorative block	Men’s – urinal, commode, sink, hand sanitizer, hand towel dispenser, trash can; Women’s – 2 commodes, sink, hand sanitizer, hand towel dispenser; 55 gallon trash can; fountain with spigot; bulletin board	Good	All	Yes	
Playground	GameTime	Poured in place surfacing with curb; structure – 5 slides, 4 climbers, decks, foot swing, 3 panels, overhead bars; picnic table	Good	2 - 5 5 - 12	Yes	
Playground	Free standing structures	Swing set – one bay infant/toddler seats & wood carpet; digger with two benches; spiral slide; climbing wall; swing set - 8’ two bay with belt seats with wood carpet surfacing; 2 see-saws	Good	5 - 12	No	Provide ADA access & proper use zone when updating; spiral slide, climbing wall, see-saw need surfacing material; many weeds in swing set surfacing; need swing mats
Basketball Court	50’ x 84’	Asphalt; metal posts, backboards, baskets with cloth net	Poor	Youth to adult	No	Provide ADA access; many cracks & weeds in asphalt; one net missing
Karen Bonnell Field	Ballfield	Backstop	Fair	All	No	Going to be replaced with a healing garden

DeFREES PARK - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Entrance	Paved		Good	All	Yes	
Parking Area	Paved	1 Handicap parking space with pavement marking; 4 regular spaces	Good	All	Yes	Refresh faded handicap parking sign & install post proper sign
Park Sign	Routed wood painted with beige border and letters & brown background		Excellent	All	N/A	Install an ADA table
Stone Memorial	Plaque recognizing Joseph DeFrees	Stone monument with plaque and landscaped around	Good	All	Yes	Power wash to clean
Pavilion	36' gazebo style	2 – 8' & 3 – 6' wood with metal frame picnic tables picnic tables; concrete floor; recognition plaque; 3 double electrical outlets; reservation display box; water fountain & spigot	Good	All	Yes	Graffiti
Lawn Area		Screened fence along part of park; concrete sidewalk along street	Good	All	Yes	
Basketball	Small half court	One post, backboard & hoop with metal chain net; line markings on pavement	Fair	Youth to adult	Yes	Starting to rust;; part on chain netting needs reattached to hoop
Playground	GameTime	engineered wood fiber surfacing; play structure – 2 slides, 1 crawl tube, 2 climbers, transfer station; plastic border with access ramp; whirl; 2 see-saws, 4 seat see-saw; swing set – 8' with 4 bays 6 belt seats & 2 infant/toddler seats	Good	Structure 2 – 5; Infant swings; 5 -12 other structures	No	Provide ADA access to playground ramp
Digger	Stand alone	Shade cover over digger	Good	2 – 5	No	Provide ADA access when updating
Rock Climber	Stand alone	Plastic border; engineered wood fiber surfacing; bench near with concrete pad	Good	5 - 12	No	Provide ADA access when updating
Fitness Equipment	Located near playground	5 separate fitness stations; rubberized surfacing & walkway to equipment	Excellent	Teen to adult	Yes	
Restrooms & Storage	Decorative block building	Men's – urinal, commode, sink, hand sanitizer, hand towel dispenser; women's – 2 commodes, sink, hand sanitizer, hand towel dispenser; electrical outlet; concrete walk from pavilion	Good	Youth to adult	Yes	Slight lip into restrooms; has been vandalized and only opened when pavilion is rented or playground program is held
Fitness Equipment	Located behind pavilion	4 separate fitness stations; rubberized surfacing & walkway to equipment	Excellent	Teen to adult	Yes	
Lighting	Three locations	Playground; parking area walkway to restrooms	Good	N/A	N/A	

JOSEPH WARREN PARK - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Park Sign	Routed wood painted with beige border and letters & brown background		Excellent	All	N/A	
Grass Area with Large Trees	Passive Recreation Area	Triangular park; paved sidewalk on two sides, streets alone all three sides; Community Greening Award 2008	Excellent	All	Yes	
General Joseph Warren Memorial Statue	Large monument at southern end of park	Dedicated 1910; Revolutionary War 1775 – 1786 plaque erected 1910; War of 1812 – 1814 plaque erected 1917;	Excellent	All	Yes	
Flag Pole	All Vets	US Flag & MIA/POW Flag	Excellent	All	Yes	
Korean War Memorial Stone		Landscaped area with a bench on a concrete pad	Excellent	All	Yes	
Vietnam Era Memorial Stone		Three benches; landscaped; concrete circular walk; three flags – US, State, MIA/POW	Excellent	All	Yes	
All that Served Memorial Stone		Landscaped, bench on concrete pad; wreath	Excellent	All	Yes	
Blue Star Memorial		Two granite benches	Excellent	All	Yes	

LACEY PARK - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Park Sign	Routed wood painted with beige border and letters & brown background		Excellent	All	N/A	
Large Open Grass Area		Streets on two sides, parking lot on 3 rd side, & houses on 4 th side; trees around perimeter; fencing along parking lot side; paved walkway along one side	Good	All	No	Paved walkway doesn't provide access to any facilities
Pavilion	12' x 27'	One 8' ADA table & 2 – 6' regular tables; grill with concrete walk; bulletin board; old horseshoe pit nearby; shingle roof; metal posts; concrete floor	Good	All	No	Provide ADA access; remove horseshoe sign in parking lot; Playground Program held here
Volleyball	Grass	Posts; no net	Fair	Youth to adult	No	
Playground	Free standing equipment	6' metal slide; play panel; dinosaur spring animal; tetherball pole in asphalt; bike rack; 55 gal trash can; shed; 10' infant swing with engineered wood fiber surfacing; 4 benches; 8' metal slide; whale spring animal; 8' swing set with engineered wood fiber, 2 bay with 4 plastic seats; sandbox with cover; 10' whirl	Fair	5 - 12	No	Provide ADA access & proper use zone when updating; wrong use zones for swing sets; one plastic swing seat is cracked and should be replaced; renovate entire playground; no parking area;
Basketball	50' x 90'	2 posts, backboards, hoops & cloth nets; asphalt surface	Fair	Youth to adult	No	Provide ADA access; paint court lines; cracks in asphalt
Restrooms	Decorative block building	Men's – urinal, commode, sink, hand sanitizer, hand towel dispenser, trash can; Women's – 2 commodes, sink, hand sanitizer, hand towel dispenser, trash can; water fountain with spigot	Good	All	No	Provide ADA access – connect to walkway; concrete lip between restroom and exterior concrete pad is too high
Ballfield	Large open field	4 seat bleacher; backstop; grass infield; 4 player benches; 4' fence along 1 st & 3 rd baselines to end of infield; storage box	Fair	Youth to adult	No	Grass in baselines
T-ball Field		Small backstop; 4' fence along lines	Poor	Youth	No	Not used
		A large grant has been secured to renovate this park				

MORCK PARK - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Park Sign	Routed wood painted with beige border and letters & brown background		Excellent	All	N/A	
Open Grass Area	Passive park	Parking along street; many trees; side walk along one side; Morck Family Memorial Stone – landscaped; Chapin F. Reese Memorial Stone 2002 - landscaped	Good	All	No	Remove dead branches on trees along street to RT 6
Pavilion	12' x 24'	2 – 8' wood picnic tables; 55 gallon trash can; shingle roof; wood posts; concrete floor with asphalt apron	Fair	All	No	Provide ADA access; support posts starting to rot at bottom; table not ADA;

MULBERRY PARK - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Park Sign	Routed wood painted with beige border and letters & brown background		Excellent	All	N/A	
Open Grass Area	L-shaped grass area with multiple trees and facilities at lower end	Concrete walkway along street on park entrance side ; 6' fencing along lower part of park with houses behind fence; houses along two sides; treed area at top of park; sledding slope; dog waste station	Good	All	No	Parking on street – possibly construct small parking area; fencing rusting; water problems from storm water above park; possibly install a disc golf course
Storage Building	Wood structure		Good	N/A	N/A	Previously used for playground program – going to relocate to another park
Playground	Free standing equipment	See-saw; whirl; tetherball; spiral slide; 4 seat see-saw; fountain; digger; 8' wood with metal frame picnic table; 55 gallon trash cans	Fair	5 – 12	No	Going to remove tetherball post; relocate all good play equipment into central play area with proper surfacing & use zones; provide ADA access & proper use zone when updating
Swing Sets	Two sets	8' – 2 bay set with belt seats; 8' – one bay with infant/toddler seats; engineered wood fiber surfacing	Fair	Toddler to 12	No	Worn beneath each swing – install swing mats; weeds in surfacing; low spots in grass just before entering surfacing area – potential trip hazard; approximately an 8" – 10" drop from grass into play surfacing; provide ADA access & proper use zone
Basketball Court	18' 20' asphalt pad	Post; backboard; hoop; cloth net	Fair	Youth to adult	No	Basketball post badly rusted; provide ADA access
Ballfield	Open grass area with trees in outfield area	Backstop; 20' long 5' fence along baselines; all grass field with no designated baselines	Fair	Youth to adult	No	Only used for pickup games
		Plans are to renovate the entire park				

PA AVENUE WEST GREENWAY - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Sidewalk		Concrete walkway from bridge to Gazebo; fence; river overlook; four kiosks; two benches	Excellent	All	Yes	
Gazebo	20'	Metal roof; composite flooring; wood railing & posts; round table in center with three seats & a handicap space, River overlook; bird watching	Excellent	All	Yes	

POINT PARK - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Park Sign			Excellent	All	N/A	
Parking Area	Paved	2 handicap spaces with proper signage; 10 lined spaces & approximately 10 unlined spaces; bike rack; wood posts with chains along parking area	Good	All	Yes	
Axillary Parking	Partially paved & partially gravel	Large overflow parking area for swimming pool; 2 handicap parking spaces with signage & approximately 50 regular spaces	Fair	All	Partially	Needs upgraded – pot holes
Swimming Pool	L – shaped pool one acre in size	Zero entry; chair lift; 3 lifeguard stands; 0 to 5 ½’ deep; large spiral water slide; water structure; benches; 6’ fencing around entire area; building with registration office at entrance, vending machines, attached canopy with 3 regular & 1 handicap round table; one square table, lounge chairs; large grass sunbathing area; building with locker room, 1 st aid, restrooms & large clock mounted on exterior wall, well landscaped area; large concrete pad with 3 picnic tables, 2 shuffleboards, & a variety of portable games;	Excellent	All	Yes	Managed by YMCA; maintained by city
Pavilion	24’ x 40’	Located inside pool area; 3 regular & 1 handicap round table; 1 square picnic table; concrete floor; trash cans	Excellent	All	Yes	
Playground Area	Stand-alone structures	Swing – 8’ – 2 bay with belt seats; 10’ whirl; metal slide; 4 seat see-saw; trash cans	Fair	Youth to adult	No	One swing seat unattached on one side, sharp edges on belt seat attachments; place swing mats under swings; replace playground with new equipment, surfacing, ADA accessibility & proper use zones
Pavilion	8’ x 10’	1 – 6’ table; trash can; concrete pad with asphalt apron; shingles	Fair	All	No	Edge shingles starting to deteriorate, boards under edges rotting & moss on back section of roof; replace bad shingles, rotting boards and add drip edge & fascia boards; support posts starting to rot at base
Natural Trail	Not an established trail	Traverses wooded area	Fair	Youth to adult	No	Establish as a formal trail
Road to Creek/River Confluence	Paved	Gravel parking area at end of road; trash receptacle; 3-sided kiosk; Walkable Warren Sign;	Good	All	Yes	Some potholes in road
Grass Area	Open area with numerous large trees	2 concrete benches; 3 wooden benches; Conewango Creek & Allegheny River access – fishing & swimming; very large trees	Good	All	No	Provide ADA access to confluence
Pavilion	8’ x 10’	1 wooden table; concrete floor with asphalt apron; shingle roof; grill; trash receptacle	Good	All	No	Provide ADA access; roof covered with moss & a shingle missing

SOLDERS & SAILORS PARK - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Park Sign	Routed wood painted with beige border and letters & brown background		Excellent	All	Yes	
WWI Memorial Rotunda	Concrete rotunda	13 columns with names of people killed in WWI; concrete benches;				
Open Area	Well landscaped	Civil War Memorial with statue at top & statues on four sides; Celeron's Expedition Historical Marker; Flags – US & MIA/POW; 2 benches, brick pavement in area; cigarette dispenser; water fountain; bulletin board	Excellent	All	Yes	
Concrete Stage Area		Concrete seating with concrete steps to stage area; Music in the Park performed here; electrical building; 2 8' picnic tables; 55 gallon trash cans; river overlook with concrete fence & metal railing	Good	All	No	Stage can be viewed from rotunda area
Walkway	Ties Solders & Sailors Park & Point Breeze Landing together	Concrete steps to Point Breeze Landing; wood railing with barberry hedge alongside at lower level	Good	Youth to adult	No	Concrete at top of steps sunken creating a trip hazard

The POINT FOUNTAIN - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Fountain Area	Triangular landscaped area	Large fountain with metal sculptures and four levels of water flow; lighted; kiosk; brick pavement	Excellent	All	Yes	

WAR MEMORIAL FIELD - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Parking	2 lots – one paved & one gravel		Good	All	Yes	Paved lot also used by YMCA patrons
Field Entrance & Building	Landscaped area with large entrance building	WWI Memorial & Memorial for all veterans; Vietnam & Persian Gulf Plaques; flag pole; 3 benches; concession; restrooms	Excellent	All	Yes	
Football Field	Regulation	Goals, lined; synthetic turf; stadium bleachers on both sides of field; aluminum player benches; lighted; scoreboard; 8' fence around with partial 4' fence inside; storage under bleachers; additional buildings with restrooms, etc.	Excellent	Youth	Yes	
Soccer		2 large soccer goals & several small soccer goals; football field lined for soccer also	Excellent	Youth	Yes	
Track		6 lane rubberized track around field with other track & field areas	Excellent	All	Yes	

WARREN BIKE TRAILHEAD - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Trail Sign	Metal		Fair	Youth to adult	N/A	Remove graffiti; coordinate with other park signage
Parking Area	Paved	Asphalt; one handicap space with markings; approximately 6 unlined spaces; railroad ties along parking lot	Good	All	Yes	Paint lines on parking lot
Trail	Paved	Three miles total length; bike rack; concrete planter; fence & posts block vehicles from entering trail; bench; covered interpretative board of Conewango Creek Watershed; kiosk	Good	Youth to adult	Yes	Remove trash from planter & install trash receptacle

WASHINGTON PARK - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Park Sign			Good	All	N/A	Located at entrance road to park, but not on park property; different than other park signs – coordinate with other signs
Entrance Road	Milling base road	Traverses private property to park	Fair	All	Yes	Not owned by city
Parking Area	Milling base	Rock border along edge of parking	Fair	All	No	Designate handicap parking space for access to viewing area
Grass Picnic Area	Grass area with many large trees	Predominately oak trees; 6 – 8’ concrete top & leg tables with wood seats; 4 grills; 55 gallon trash cans; large stone with George Washington plaque on one side & plaque with names of donors to purchase park site in 1922	Fair	All	No	Provide ADA access to at least on picnic table; picnic tables are in poor condition – possibly clean or replace
Overlook	View of the city	Steep hillside with tree height maintained to provide beautiful view; two composite benches & one wood with metal frame bench	Good	All	No	Provide ADA access to viewing area

WETMORE PARK - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Park Sign	Routed wood painted with beige border and letters & brown background		Excellent	All	N/A	
Grass Area	Passive recreation area	Grass area with a variety of trees & shrubs; woodland garden maintained by garden club; 2 sides of park with concrete sidewalks & 2 sides with shrubbery; 55 gal. trash can; Buckeye tree approximately 165 years old	Excellent	All	No	
Benches	Wood on a concrete pad	Two benches	Good	Youth to adult	No	Provide ADA access to at least one bench
Stone Memorial	Plaque recognizing Wetmore Family	Stone monument with plaque and landscaped around	Good	All	Yes	Power wash to clean

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Grants

Grant	Description	Contact Information
Baseball Tomorrow Fund	The Baseball Tomorrow Fund, a joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association, offers grants to nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations involved in youth baseball and softball programs.	www.baseballtomorrowfund.com
Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grants	DCNR's Bureau of Recreation and Conservation (BRC) assists local governments and recreation and conservation organizations with funding for projects related to: Parks, Recreation, Conservation. Applications for DCNR's Community Conservation Partnerships Program grants are accepted once a year, typically during the spring.	https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Communities/Grants/Pages/default.aspx
Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program — Rural Communities	The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides grants, low-interest direct loans, and/or combinations of the two to develop essential community facilities in rural areas, including public facilities, community support services, and local food systems such as community gardens and food hubs. Public entities, nonprofit organizations and tribal entities in rural communities are eligible to apply. Applications accepted on a rolling basis.	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program
Common Grant Application Format	The Grantmakers of Western PA provide the materials needed to apply for many grants geared toward foundations in the western part of Pennsylvania. Visit their website for links to the common grant application and details on writing your grant application.	https://gwpa.org/resources/common-grant-application-formcommon-grant-report-form
Get Outdoors PA Community Partners	\$1,500 - \$3,000 Grants to fund equipment and training related to outdoor programming. Must be a Get Outdoors Partner	www.dcnr.state.pa.us
Grants.gov	The federal government's master system for listing and tracking grants. It includes all 50 states as well as federally funded programs.	http://www.grants.gov/
International Society of Arboriculture	Information to assist with landscaping/tree plantings	http://www.isa-arbor.org
KaBOOM! Playground Grants	KaBOOM! is the national non-profit dedicated to bringing balanced and active play into the daily lives of all kids, particularly those growing up in poverty in America. KaBOOM! provides communities with a number of grant opportunities for playgrounds and creative play.	https://kaboom.org/grants
Lisa Libraries Grant Program	Nonprofit organizations that serve low-income or underserved areas are eligible to apply for in-kind	https://lisalibraries.org/need-books/

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	donations from The Lisa Libraries. Lisa Libraries provides donations of free books for community facilities to host their own small libraries or to operate programs where children can take the book home. While book donations are free, The Lisa Libraries requests that recipients cover the shipping and handling costs, which are based on the destination and quantity of books. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis	
Local Government Academy	Serving all of Southwestern Pennsylvania, the Local Government Academy's purpose is to promote excellence in government by providing educational opportunities to assist public officials, employees, and citizens in effectively meeting the needs of their communities.	http://localgovernmentacademy.org/
National Endowment of the Arts – Grants for Organizations	We fund projects only. Projects may consist of one or more specific events or activities. Projects do not have to be new. Excellent existing projects can be just as competitive as new activities. Projects do not need to be big either; we welcome small projects that can make a difference in their community or field. Matching grants generally range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. A minimum cost share/match equal to the grant amount is required.	https://www.arts.gov/grants
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Provides grants for conservation and environmental education projects.	www.nfwf.org
National Gardening Association Youth Garden Grants	Provides grants of over \$750 for seeds, tools and gardening supplies for children to learn and work in outdoor gardens.	www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp
National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) – Grant Opportunities	NRPA provides online grant and fundraising resources and current grant opportunities. Out-of-School Time Programs is a grant from the Walmart Foundation to support children's health through park and recreation out-of-school time programs. One-year grants are available and are expected to range from \$25,000 to \$35,000. Matching funds are not required.	www.nrpa.org/grants
NFL Community Football Fields Program	Provides grants of up to \$100,000 for capital improvement projects to improve or create football fields in low and moderate –income neighborhoods.	www.nflfoundation.org/applications/programs/view/grassroots
NFL Youth Football Fund	Provides grants of \$500 to \$2,500 to purchase equipment, repair fields, establish new football programs, and improve existing programs.	www.nflfoundation.org/
PennDOT Multi Modal	Establishes dedicated funding for bicycle and pedestrian improvements.	http://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/MultimodalProgram/Pages/default.aspx#.VrOWv7lrLRY

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Transportation Fund (MTF)		
Pennsylvania Council on the Arts	The PCA offers funding for organizational and staff development; provides funding and resources in two programmatic divisions, Arts in Education and Preserving Diverse Cultures; undertakes partnerships and initiatives to leverage opportunities; seeks solutions to challenges affecting the arts in the Commonwealth; and initiates programs that will serve and provide opportunities for a broad spectrum of artists, arts organizations and arts participants throughout the state.	www.arts.pa.gov/
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED)	If you're seeking funding for a business venture, a community project or site revitalization in Pennsylvania, DCED offers a variety of programs to help. Program information is subject to change; for the most up-to-date information, use our online search tool.	https://dced.pa.gov/programs-funding/
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP)	DEP has dozens of grants and loans to assist individuals, groups and businesses with a host of environmental issues. Below, you'll find a list of available grants and loans, a description of each program, links to applications and eligibility information. DEP's Grants Center is available to assist with general questions.	http://www.ahs.dep.pa.gov/GrantsCenter/
Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR) –	The DCNR Bureau of Recreation and Conservation (BRC) builds connections between the citizens and the outdoors through recreation enhancement, natural resources conservation and community revitalization efforts. BRC partners with communities and organizations across Pennsylvania to provide technical assistance and financial support for these efforts.	http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/
Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) Boating Facility Grant Program	The grant will reimburse recipients for up to 50% of the costs for land acquisition, project design and engineering, development, expansion, and major rehabilitation of public recreational boat access facilities. Eligible activities include the rehabilitation, expansion or construction of new boat ramps, bulkheads, courtesy floats, access roads, parking areas, restrooms, signs and localized landscaping. All construction activities must benefit and directly support recreational boating. Eligible projects must occur on lands owned by the project sponsor, or where the sponsor has a long-term lease or agreement on the site. Grant funds are used for major site improvements and not for any routine maintenance or operation activities.	https://www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants/Pages/default.aspx
Pennsylvania Humanities Council	The Pennsylvania Humanities Council is the only statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the humanities throughout the	www.pahumanities.org

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	Commonwealth. We produce innovative programs, give strategic grants and connect people with ideas.	
Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS) RecTAP Program	Provides technical assistance grants of up to \$2,500 to help recreation and park boards and departments with specific issues. No matching funds are required.	https://prps.org/PRPSGrants
RePlay Grant Program	ESPN and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) are offering Planning Grants and Implementation Grants to revitalize vacant lots into places for sports, recreation and play. Local community-based groups and other qualified organizations are eligible to apply for funding and technical assistance for early stage projects, support of capital improvements, and to close funding gaps for projects that are in the implementation phase of projects. Applications are due April 30. Learn more and apply.	https://www.lisc.org/our-initiatives/sports-recreation/espn-replay/
Rite Aid Foundation KidCents Regional Grants	KidCents Regional Grants ranging from \$15,000 to \$30,000 are available in select counties and states for out-of-school time programs that improve nutrition, physical fitness or academic success. Eligible projects must include an educational component, and priority will be given to programs that deliver quality out-of-school services to children and youth in high-need families. Eligible applicants are limited to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations serving eligible service areas. Letters of interest are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis	https://foundation.riteaid.com/
The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation Grant Program	Municipal entities, local nonprofits and public schools are eligible to apply to support the planting of fruitful trees and plants to alleviate hunger, combat global warming, strengthen communities and improve the surrounding environment. Trees can be planted at community gardens, city and state parks, low-income neighborhoods, Native American reservations, schools, and other locations where they will serve the greater community. The Foundation provides high-quality trees and shrubs, equipment, on-site orchard design expertise and oversight, horticultural workshops, and aftercare training and manuals. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.	https://www.ftpf.org/apply
U.S. Department of Agriculture – Rural Development	This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a	http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program

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Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program	primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.	
U.S. Department of Agriculture – Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) ensures that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. This summer, USDA plans to serve more than 200 million free meals to children 18 years and under at approved SFSP sites.	http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program-sfsp
U.S. Department of Education	Provides information on grants to apply for in cooperation with school districts.	http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html
U.S. Department of Education - 21 st Century Learning Program	Supports the creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. The program helps students meet state and local student standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and math; offers students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs; and offers literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children.	http://www2.ed.gov/programs/21stcclc/index.html
U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services	Provides information on available grants that can be used to fund recreation programs that improve health.	https://www.hhs.gov/grants/index.html
U.S. Forest Service Grants	The Grants & Agreements Administration & Management (GAAM) office works with state and local governments, institutions of higher learning, and both non-profit and for-profit organizations to accomplish many objectives such as diversifying local economies; protecting lives, homes and natural resources from uncontrolled wildland fires; and assisting with forest stewardship.	http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fap/fap.shtm
United States Tennis Association (USTA) Facility Services Program	The USTA offers business development, advocacy, technical and financial support to improve or construct tennis facilities across the country. In addition, each applicant will be appointed a project consultant from the USTA national staff who will deliver personalized support and service. Service applications are accepted on a rolling basis.	https://www.usta.com/en/home/organize/grants-and-assistance/national/about-usta-facility-assistance.html
Waste Management Charitable Giving	Waste Management offers charitable gifts to promote civic pride, economic development and revitalization. Waste Management primarily supports environmental initiatives, including promoting parklands and green	https://www.wm.com/us/en/inside-wm/social-impact/community-impact

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	spaces for people to enjoy and play, and environmental education initiatives targeted at middle and high school students. Eligible entities include 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and public organizations. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.	
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Foundations

Foundations	Description	Contact Information
The Eberly Foundation	Grants are awarded for projects related to youth, community arts, historical, sports and camps, miscellaneous, or economic development. Submit requests in letter format at any time.	http://www.eberlyfoundation.org/
The Grable Foundation	Projects awarded for youth, disabled, families, seniors, community arts, historical, or camps and sport projects. Grants awarded in February, June and October. Use the Common Grant Application Format of Grantmakers of Western Pa as formal application.	http://grable.org/apply-for-funding/
Heinz (Howard) Endowment	Send a letter of inquiry before formal application. Projects must relate to families, youth, disabled, community arts, historical, or sports and camps.	www.heinz.org
Laurel Foundation	Grants are awarded for youth, families, seniors, disabled, community arts, historical, conservation and ecology, sports and camps, or miscellaneous projects. No call is needed to discuss feasibility.	http://laurelfdn.org/
McCune Foundation	Send letter of inquiry to Executive Director, 2 pages maximum. Grants awarded for youth, families, seniors, disabled, community arts, historical, sports and camps, or miscellaneous projects.	http://www.mccune.org/
The Tony Hawk Foundation	Provides funding for construction of skate parks.	www.tonyhawkfoundation.org
U.S. Soccer Foundation	The goal of the grantmaking program is to focus funding on those programs or projects that develop players, referees, and coaches with special emphasis on the economically disadvantaged in urban areas. The foundation's grants program is open to anyone with a soccer-specific program or project that benefits a not-for-profit purpose and meets the established focus.	www.ussoccerfoundation.org
Finish Line Youth Foundation	Encourages Sport Life Style in America's youth. Funding and assistance for education, sports and exercise placing importance on living a healthy lifestyle, bolstering confidence and leadership skills, and teaching youth the importance of teamwork.	http://www.finishline.com/store/corporate_info/youthfoundation.jsp
Woman's Sports Foundation – GoGirl Grant Program	The GoGirlGo! Grant and Education Program is dedicated to the development and funding of girls' sports/physical activity programs that combine athletic instruction and programming with the delivery or educational information aimed at reducing risk behaviors.	www.womanssportsfoundation.org
Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation	Funds for constructing dek hockey courts	www.pittsburghpenguinsfoundation.org

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Other Sources

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Baseball Tomorrow Fund	www.baseballtomorrowfund.com
For the Good of the Game Grants	www.usga.org
Good Sports	www.goodsports.org/equipment/apply/
Nature Explore Classroom	www.natureexplore.org
Take Me Fishing	www.takemefishing.org
Tennis in the Parks	www.usta.com/About-USTA/Tennis-in-the-Parks/Tennis_In_The_Parks
United States Golf Association Grants	www.usga.org/
USA Football Equipment Grant	www2.usafootball.com/grants
US Paralympics Grants	www.teamusa.org
Urban Revitalization & Livable Communities Act	www.govtrack.us